

North and South Carolina—Probably local rains tonight and Sunday. Moderate temperature.

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COMPLICATIONS TO FOLLOW CAPTURING OF 3 U. S. CITIZENS

Three American Members of Crew of Yarrowdale, Captured by Raider.

SHE PUT INTO PORT AT SWINEMUENDE, PRUSSIA

Strange Ship With Four Smoke Stacks Sighted Off Brazil—Thought To Be German Raider.

THREE AMERICANS ABOARD

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 20.—Three Americans were members of the crew of the British steamer Yarrowdale, captured by a German raider and taken into a German port by a prize crew, according to the records of the British consulate here.

Washington, Jan. 20.—German admiralty statements that American subjects in the crews of vessels captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic "have been removed as prisoners of war," will raise a complicated question.

The whole question turns on whether an armed merchant ship is a war vessel, and the gulf between this country and Germany on that question is still unbridged.

Of course Americans on such ships could be considered as prisoners of war only if the vessels were considered as war vessels.

No indication has been received that any of the vessels sunk by the German raider were other than defensively armed. The state department has held throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a warship unless it is under naval orders and the naval flag and manned by naval crews.

The German admiralty statement made just at this time when the armistice issue between the two countries is becoming more complicated is taken to foreshadow a more pronounced attitude as to the question on Germany's part.

Puts Into Port. Amsterdam, Jan. 20, (via London).—According to an official statement from Berlin says the Cologne Gazette, the British steamer Yarrowdale, carrying crews of steamers captured by the German raider in the Atlantic was brought into the port of Swinemunde, Prussia.

The official statement from Berlin Friday night reporting the arrival of the Yarrowdale in harbor on December 31, last, as a prize of the German raider, did not indicate the port at which she arrived.

Swinemunde is in Pomerania, 36 miles northwest of Stettin, of channels connecting the Stettiner Haff with the Baltic sea. Vessels captured by German war craft have frequently been taken into Swinemunde on previous occasions.

Raider Is Sighted. Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, Jan. 20.—According to press dispatches from Rio Janeiro, a strange steamship with four smokestacks painted black has been sighted off Ceara, Brazil, running at high speed.

MAY CALL AN EXTRA SESSION, CONGRESS

Completion of President's Legislative Program This Term is Doubtful.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 20.—Talk of an extra session of Congress to complete President Wilson's legislative program unless action is had before March 1, was again heard at the capitol today. With less than 36 legislative days of the session remaining, there is grave doubt on the part of many Senators of favorable action, in view of opposition to much of the proposed legislation, including the water power and other conservation bills, the railroad strike prevention bill and the Webb collective foreign selling agency bill.

The Senate Steering committee will meet Monday, in response to President Wilson's appeal yesterday, to frame a program for submission to a Senate-Democratic caucus.

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK. (By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 20.—The British battleship Torfowood, carrying a cargo worth \$750,000, was submerged and sunk on her voyage starting from New York on Christmas day, according to dispatches received here by the French Line, which cleared the vessel.

DRASTIC PLANS TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE OF CARS DESIGNED

Railroads Will be Compelled to Return Cars to Original Owners When Unloaded

COMMISSION ORDER IS AFFECTIVE FEB. 21

Order is Culmination of Probe Conducted by Commission Transportation Is Now Tied Up.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 20.—Drastic resolutions designed to relieve the shortage in coal cars and help bring about a lowering of present high prices of coal, were prescribed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The regulations require return to original owners of all coal cars as fast as unloaded and gives the railroads ten days to devise methods for relieving the shortage in other types of cars.

The commission's order also requires the railroads to apply the same regulations to refrigerator, heater, ventilated and insulated cars.

The new orders become effective February 21. The committee which the railroads are called on to appoint, should be vested, the order states, with plenary powers and should cooperate with the commission in seeking relief for the shortage of other types of cars.

Unless such a committee is appointed within ten days, the commission declares it will act independently and consider the issuance of such orders as it deems necessary to relieve the situation.

In issuing today's order, the commission was divided, Commissioners Clark, Clements and Hall dissenting from the majority view.

The new regulations continue in effect until May 1. Issuance of the order is a culmination of the investigation which the commission has been conducting for several months, the hearing having been held here December 28. The hearing was attended by the representatives of a large number of roads and shippers and by Department of Justice officials investigating the cost of living who had been in frequent consultation with officials of the commission.

The present conditions of car distribution throughout the United States have no parallel in our history, says the commission's decision. "Mills have shut down, prices have advanced, perishable articles of great value have been destroyed and hundreds of carloads of food products have been delayed in reaching their natural markets. In some territories there have so many cars on the lines of the carriers and in their terminals that transportation service has been thrown into unprecedented confusion, long delays in transit have been the rule rather than the exception and operation of established industrial activities has been made uncertain and difficult. These conditions have made necessary a far-reaching investigation by the commission and now urgently demand prompt decisive action.

"In spite of the efforts which have been made to put a stop to the diversion and misuse of coal and refrigerator cars and to return numerous instances of such diversion and misuse.

"Urgent as is the need for relief the respondents, with but few exceptions, have failed to afford such relief. They have assured the commission that they would put a stop to the diversion and misuse of coal and refrigerator cars and to return numerous instances of such diversion and misuse have been called to our attention.

"It is clear that the entry of a formal order is necessary to protect shippers, consignees and the general public."

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PREMIERS ARE BACK

London, Jan. 20.—Premier Clam Martinic, of Austria, and Premier Tisza, of Hungary, returned to Vienna on Friday evening after an extended conference in Berlin with the German leaders in regard to economic programs, says an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. Representatives of the general staffs of the German and Austrian armies as well as the leading statesmen of the two countries, attended the conference.

The meeting between Premier Clam-Martinic, Premier Tisza and the German leaders were apparently distinct from the conference arranged between the presidents of the Parliament of the Central Powers and Turkey, which opened in Berlin Friday.

FRIENDS FEAR THAW WILL NOT LIVE.



HARRY K. THAW Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Friends of Harry K. Thaw fear that he may not recover from his self-inflicted injuries. It is said that his condition has been becoming steadily worse. Thaw at times seems to barely be conscious. Some of those who have come here to see him through his latest trouble fear that Thaw may have taken mercury tablets at the time he attempted suicide. This form of poison, while almost certain to be fatal, does not manifest itself until a considerable period after being taken.

DANGEROUS N.Y. FIRE IS CHECKED

Six Story Building on Fire Threatened Crowded Tenements and Church.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 20.—A fire described by officials as the most difficult which the fire department has had to handle here in recent years today wrecked the six-story factory building of the Manhattan Brass Company in East Twenty-eighth street, with a property loss estimated at \$100,000.

Bellevue Hospital, Cornell Medical College and scores of crowded tenements, together with a Catholic church, in which services were being held, were endangered when a wind spread burning embers which had been hurried high by a series of acid explosions.

\$25,000 OF BILL TO COME TO N. C.

State Will Share in Public Buildings Appropriation Measure.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, Jan. 20.—The public buildings appropriation bill which passed the house late yesterday afternoon by a vote of 234 to 92 contains sixteen items appropriating \$252,000 for sites and buildings for federal offices in North Carolina.

While some other states obtain much larger appropriations, North Carolina has more items in the bill than other states.

The North Carolina items are as follows: For construction of a postoffice at Edenton \$25,000, Lenoir \$30,000, Lumberton \$30,000, and Mount Olive \$30,000.

Fifty three thousand dollars goes for a site and building at Mount Airy, with the limits of cost previous set for the purchase of the site shall be increased to \$5,000.

Morganton gets \$35,000 for a site and building. Seven cities get sites for proposed postoffices as follows: Albemarle \$8,000; Clinton \$5,000; Dunn \$7,000; Louisburg \$6,000; Marion \$6,000; Sanford \$7,000 and Williamston \$5,000.

The limit of cost for postoffice sites at Rockingham and Wadesboro is increased to \$5,000 each. Seventy-five thousand dollars is provided for the building of an extension to the Wilson postoffice so as to house the court now held there.

There is considerable doubt that the bill will pass the senate and President Wilson has strongly intimated that owing to the fact that the treasury faces a serious deficit and that money is more urgently needed for national preparedness he will veto the bill if it comes to him for signature.

ANTI-STOCK BILL IS KICKED AGAIN BY STATE SENATE

Pender County's Free Rangers Once More Taste Defeat.

HOT ARGUMENTS ARE MADE IN STATE HOUSE.

"There are 50,000 Wild Hogs in a Certain Locality," Said Bellamy—"49,500 Belong to Your Clients."

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, Jan. 20.—After three hours of oratory this afternoon Pender county's free rangers again went down in defeat before the "Save Pender" slogan which an imposing delegation wore for the second great fight of this character. The Senate reports the bill unfavorably.

The first effort to overthrow the present stock law in that county came nearly two weeks ago when Scot of Pender presented a bill providing for an election on the question. Senator Burnett, who succeeded Senator Rivers Johnson, author of the bill, led the Senate fight for the free rangers who barely had anybody with them that time. Being defeated by the overwhelming numbers of the stock law advocates, the free rangers tried it again with a new bill, that exempted from the psychologically named "Save Pender" contingent that was the law.

These out, there was nothing else to it. The stock law men declined to undertake an election in which their chief support was eliminated. The new fight was to hold an election for the repeal of the Johnson law. Senator Johnson was personally present at the Friday afternoon fight, and handled quite a collection of words with ex-Congressman John D. Bellamy. Major George Bellamy, the Duke of Brunswick, was present and wore the "Save Pender" badge.

Although the anti-stock law advocates brought that prince of jury lawyers, Rudolph Duffey, and ex-Congressman John D. Bellamy to speak for them, the stock law people carried the day. The "Save Pender" contingent had it all over the "Save Pender's Democracy." It may result in beating the party down there, but the Department of Agriculture is so deeply interested in cleaning out the cattle and exchanging the blooded pig and calf for the pine rooster and the scrub that Pender will perhaps be left to work out her own damnation, said Senator Burnett, Messrs. Duffey and Bellamy did the speaking for the free rangers, who appeared to have had as many people present as the stock law advocates, J. T. Bland, Sr., E. A. Hoyle, Jr., and C. E. McCullen did the speaking for the stock law people. Mr. McCullen was the chief orator at the former hearing when the advocates of the stock law, without any outside help, Ex-Senator Rivers Johnson explained the law and fought Congressman Bellamy to a finish.

This time a new bill was offered exempting certain stock law townships which are strongly in favor of the law. That left the larger portion of the county to the mercy of the free rangers. There was no salvation for them without the three big townships which the committee announced its decision the bluebadged stock law fellows broke into a perfect pandemonium. Senator Johnson and Mr. Bellamy had helped things along much. Mr. Bellamy, in arguing against the law, said there were 50,000 wild hogs in a certain locality. The relevance of the remark was impressive. "And 49,500 of them belong to your clients," Senator Johnson retorted with shouts that drowned the opposition.

ADVISES FULL USE OF GERMAN "SUB"

Count Westarp, Conservative Leader, is In Favor of U-boat Warfare.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Jan. 19 (Via London, Jan. 20).—Count Westarp, leader of the conservative party in the Reichstag, declared himself in favor of the full use of submarines in a speech at Magdeburg. Count Westarp said: "Our utmost strength must now be thrown into the scales. There is no weapon of warfare which we care to withhold. We have too few weapons in hand against England, who possesses at this moment our colonies, has swept away our commercial marine and put a blockade into effect. If we want to make further progress against England we must strike her life nerve—her commercial fleet. We have already dealt England mighty blows in cruiser warfare and it is technically possible to augment our achievements but the chief thing is commercial warfare. It is a good sign that nobody feels it necessary to try and interfere with the plans and decisions of the military authorities, but that everybody has full confidence."

HERE WITH RUMANIAN PRINCE.



MISS MARGARET LAHOVARY

New York, Jan. 19.—Considerable mystery surrounds the visit of Prince Emanuel Bibescu, of Rumania, who arrived on the steamship Finland. The Prince, who was accompanied by Miss Margaret Lahovary, his cousin, and her companion, a Miss Ethel Monk, was traveling incognito. He told reporters that his name was "Jones," and described himself as say where he planned to go or the occasion for his visit here.

BRITISH VESSEL IS FIRED ON BY 'SUB'

Lindenhall Arrived in New York With Shot Holes In Her Side.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 20.—The British tramp steamship Lindenhall, which arrived here today via Norfolk from Mediterranean ports, was pursued and fired upon by a submarine while proceeding from Naples to Gibraltar last December, according to persons on board.

Two shots struck the vessel, they said, but her speed enabled her to escape.

HIGH HONOR PAID DEWEY AT FUNERAL

His Body is Taken to Arlington Cemetery to Rest With Other Naval Heroes.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 20.—Admiral Dewey was laid to rest today with all the honors a grateful Nation can bestow.

After funeral services conducted under the dome of the capitol and attended by President Wilson, the Cabinet, Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps and others, the Admiral's body was taken to Arlington Cemetery to rest with those of naval heroes gone before. Two of Dewey's commanders at the Battle of Manila Bay—Benjamin E. P. Lambertson, the fleet captain, and Captain Joseph P. Coghlan, of the cruiser Raleigh, lie nearby. Not far away on the wooded slopes rest Schley and Sampson.

Private services at the home were attended by President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and a limited company. The funeral party then moved to the capitol. All business of the government was suspended for the day; all private business in Washington stopped for an hour. On every American naval ship on the seven seas an ensign fluttered at half mast and an admiral's salute of 19 guns was fired. The entire corps of midshipmen from Annapolis, who came not under orders, but as Admiral Dewey's friends, as he had wished, escorted the body to the rotunda of the capitol, where Chaplain J. B. Frazier, chaplain of the Olympia, at Manila Bay, conducted brief and simple funeral services. Mrs. Dewey did not accompany the funeral party to the capitol, but joined it on the way to Arlington.

NEW YORKER SHOWS A COOL HEAD AT FRONT.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 20.—Section No. 8 of the American Ambulance Field Service and William Meadowcroft, of New York, a Harvard graduate, are mentioned in army orders as follows: "This section, which has since been attached to the Sixteenth division has rendered a greater service in transporting wounded under difficult and often dangerous circumstances. On December 29, 1916, during a bombardment, the driver showed conspicuous coolness and absolute devotion in succoring the wounded and conveying them to ambulances."

TEUTONIC TROOPS CAPTURE ANOTHER TOWN IN RUMANIA

HOUSE MEMBERS GO ON WARPATH THIS MORNING

Page Kicked Against "Semi-Caucus" On The School Board Question.

HOUSE SUSTAINS CRAIG'S ACTION.

Rampant For Gifts to Convicts—Another Bill For One Term For State Officers.

Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 20.—Eighty-six ayes overwhelmed the 11 noes, who opposed the payment of \$4,000 to convicts issued during Christmas, by Gov. Craig, and the prison board, but the fight ended there today. The House proposition was far greater than the Senate, which was more than 25 per cent against Governor Craig's action. Nearly all who did vote "no" declared that they did so doubting the legality of the board's action.

The House was rampant with personal privilege today. Representative McCracken protested against publication in the morning paper of Raleigh that he, as "minority leader," had introduced the Republican school measure, the Columbus man was not and denounced the paper for the embarrassment to which he had been put.

Minority Leader McRary also protested against a Democratic representative winning the credit due him. "The gentleman ought to be ashamed of himself for pretending to be ashamed of what has been credited to him," McRary said.

Henry Page vehemently objected to a "semi-secret caucus," which he said had been held to crystallize sentiment against his school bill and asked the House if it thought it courteous to hold such meetings without inviting him. He gave notice that he would be there next time.

The House received today an education bill from McLendon designed to eliminate adult illiteracy. It appropriate \$5,000 for teaching schools in which ten pupils shall be the minimum. Communities having these schools will receive a duplicate of all that they appropriate.

In the Senate Person introduced a bill limiting all State officers to one term, Governor excepted. The date (Continued on Page Eight.)

Nanesti, Located On The River Sereth, Fell Yesterday.

BRITISH ATTACKS ARE REPULSED BY GERMANS.

Violent Artillery Action Occurs In Region of Plessis-Roye—Otherwise Comparative Quiet Prevails In War Theatres.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 20.—There was a violent artillery action last night in the region of Plessis-de-Roye. Elsewhere, says today's official announcement the night passed quietly. The announcement follows: "Brief artillery actions of violence occurred in the region of Plessis-de-Roye, south of Lassigny. In the Argonne, we blew a small mine with success in the sector of Bolante. Elsewhere the night was relatively quiet."

RUMANIAN TOWN FALLS. (By Associated Press.) Berlin, Jan. 20, (via Sayville).—The town of Nanesti, in Rumania, on the Sereth was taken yesterday by German troops, it is announced officially.

BRITISH PATROLS REPULSED. Berlin, Jan. 20, (via Sayville).—The repulse of British patrol attacks and the successful carrying out of reconnoitering operations by German troops on the Franco-Belgian front are reported in today's official statement on operations in this war area, which reads: "Western front—Near Wytchate and west of La Bassée, attacks by British patrols last night were repulsed. Reconnoitering enterprises launched between Doller and the Rhine-Rhone canal were successfully carried out by Wurttemberg troops."

The statement reports that nothing important occurred along the Russian front.

BALL MEN DETERMINE TO PREVENT GAMBLING.

(By Associated Press.) Toledo, O., Jan. 20.—A resolution prohibiting gambling in any form will be submitted today to delegates attending the second annual meeting of the National Baseball Federation here. The resolution was one of a number agreed upon last night by the new executive committee.

Determination To Win Shown By Contestants

Seven More Days to Secure Votes That May Be Necessary to Win—Miss Hettie R. James Goes to The Top, Which is Surprise to All.

TODAY'S LEADERS.

- Hettie R. James 120,508
- Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins 120,205
- Mrs. B. L. Daniel 120,082
- Iola Ivey 119,590
- Annie Lee Adkins 119,350
- Frankie Anderson 119,020
- Pauline Newsome 118,923
- Mary Lorenzo 118,565

THE PRIZES.

- \$685 Overland Automobile.
- Ford Automobile.
- Carolina Beach Lot.
- \$100 in Gold.
- \$75 Victrola.
- \$50 O. K. Mystic Range.
- \$70 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet.
- \$25 Wrist Watch.
- Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

the friends of the contestants should bear this in mind and give them assistance before too late. One of the features of the contest, which is full of especial significance at this time, is the confidence the friends and supporters are showing in the outcome of the race of their friends. This may be taken as an indication that the various candidates are amassing reserve votes, which are considered sufficiently large to enable them to take their competitors by storm at the close.

No candidate should place too much confidence in the reserve strength she has secured. It should be remembered that while one candidate is piling up a good reserve the other candidates, with equal cleverness, are doing likewise. From present indications all of the prizes will be won by very small margins, and with the candidates running as they are now, each one will need every subscription that can possibly be secured.

In considering the probable outcome of the contest, it should be noted that while the marked gains of certain leaders show them to be doing admirably and more than holding their own, there are others among the candidates whose ominous silence portend forthcoming things in their behalf. It is from some of the apparently inactive candidates that surprising features of the balloting may be expected.

Miss Hettie R. James, Wilmington, who has been one of the silent candidates, and whom many have thought to be inactive, furnishes the big surprise for today. Yesterday Miss James had a little over 55,000 votes to her credit, while some of her competitors had passed the 119,000 mark. Today Miss James has 120,508 votes to her credit, 65,000 more than yesterday, and leads the entire field.

The other leaders for today have all had their names on the honor roll before. According to the order in which they appear they are: Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins, Wilmington; Mrs. B. L. Daniel, Armour; Miss Iola Ivey, Lumberton; Miss Annie Lee Adkins, Warsaw; Miss Frankie Anderson, Fair Bluff; Miss Pauline Newsome, Clinton; and Miss Mary Lorenzo, Wilmington. (Continued on Page Seven.)