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## FUNSTON ORDERED TO SEND 25,000 OF MILITIAMEN HOME

Selection of Troops is Up to General—Felicitates Withdrawal Forces.  
MOVEMENT TO START AS SOON AS PICKED  
Fifty Thousand Men Will be Left to Guard Border, to be Withdrawn When Pershing Expedition Recalled.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Orders to facilitate the withdrawal of the Pershing punitive expedition from Mexico were issued by the War Department today. General Funston was instructed to select 25,000 men of the militia organizations now on duty on the border to return to their homes. The fact that the withdrawal of the Pershing force will eliminate the necessity for heavy supporting troops on the border was assigned as the reason for today's order. The department officials declared that the selection of the troops to be sent home would be left entirely to General Funston in order that he may accommodate the withdrawal of the militia to the general military situation. It was stated, however, that the movement of the troops or their homes would be started just as soon as General Funston selected the units to be relieved. It is expected that the troops for discharge will be chosen from the militia of States which now have the greatest representation among the forces now on the border. The withdrawal of the 25,000 militiamen will leave about 50,000 State troops on the border. This number is what was stated in the War Department report. No further withdrawal orders are expected for the militia until the Pershing expedition has been safely brought back to American soil, and conditions on the border have assumed some stable form. The State Department is expected to send Ambassador Henry B. Fletcher to Mexico City within a short time and with diplomatic relations once more established between the United States and Mexico an effort will be made to settle the border troubles through the regular channels. Funston Fails to Act. San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 20.—So far as could be learned officially at Fort Sam Houston tonight Major General Frederick Funston, commanding the southern department had not issued the predicted orders sending General Pershing out of Mexico and 25,000 militiamen to their homes. It confidently was believed by military men that Funston would recall Pershing immediately on the major general's return to headquarters from his border inspection trip. Secretary of War Baker at Washington admitted that the withdrawal of 25,000 state guardsmen had been put up to general Funston. However, the department commander tonight declared he had issued no orders affecting either the Pershing punitive expedition in Mexico or the state troops remaining on the border.

## SCHOOL BOARD QUESTION GETS TO BE RED HOT

First Battle Over It In Senate of North Carolina Legislature.  
Democratic Insurgents May Not Caucus—Big Row Looms Up and Over-shadows Liquor.

(Special to The Dispatch.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20.—The first battle over the county school boards today in the Senate developed so much sentiment favorable to popular election of such boards that it looks like a victory for the local self-government advocates. In the lower house no fight has been made, but Henry Page's protest against being ignored in what he termed a semi-secret caucus indicates when caucusing time proper comes, Henry won't be there, nor will scores of others. It developed later that Page's criticism of the secret caucus was a misapprehension. It turned out that the education committee was meeting in Governor Bickett's office and Page isn't on that committee. The Senate fight showed great progress. Senators Brenizer, Person, Burwin, MacMider, Jonas, Pollock and others were in the argument. Senator Brenizer declared that if he went back to Charlotte and took the right of popular election away from his people he could not come home again. Burwin intimated his willingness to allow Bertie county to vote for her school boards, but asked by Republican Jonas how about Lincoln, Burwin was not quite willing to go so far. Senator Turner, of Iredell, declared that he comes from a county where the elective method is satisfactory, but he would be willing to repeal it if a different State policy were offered. It now appears that the delay from the present to Wednesday night of next week is for the purpose of fixing a State policy. That the present system is threatened nobody can now doubt. The most militant sentiment was for school changes. Governor Bickett is willing to either the elective or appointive system, but will stand against one rule for Democrats and another for Republicans. There are now six counties with the elective system. Either they will be overthrown or a general State policy will be adopted. Many legislators have gone home, but will return for the caucus. Should the insurgent Democrats refuse to enter it, they might be able to control with the Republicans. Every member of the minority is pledged to a change and nearly every Republican has presented a bill to elect school boards and superintendents. Upon the county superintendent they and the insurgents are hopelessly at odds, but the Republicans will compromise. The school board fight has become so fierce that the liquor bill has been shelved entirely and the patent medicine measures are become but of incidental importance. Senator Long, of Alamance, today introduced a bill providing for the pension of Judges in certain cases.

## NOTE ON CAPTURE OF AMERICANS IS DEMANDED BY U.S.

State Department Has Informed Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, to Probe.  
HE IS TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF CITIZENS.  
While Three Americans Taken Are Prisoners Germany May Release Them.

Washington, Jan. 20.—A report on the American citizens among the prisoners taken by the German commerce raiders in the Atlantic was demanded of Ambassador Gerard at Berlin today by the State Department. The ambassador was requested to ascertain the status of any Americans among the prisoners sent by the raider to Germany aboard the captured British vessel Yarrowdale. These Americans are held as prisoners of war, but it is expected that demand from the United States will bring their prompt release. Germany under her contention that armed merchantmen are auxiliary warships maintains that the captured crews of such vessels are properly prisoners of war. It is known that several Americans in this status were also among the survivors taken into Pernambuco by the captured St. Theodore, in charge of a German prize crew from the vessel believed to be the raider Moewe. State Department officials said today that they expected no difficulty in securing the release of these Americans. It was also stated that there is little likelihood of the situation developing an acute recurrence of the armed merchantman controversy between this country and Germany. Diplomatic circles here tonight were confident that the German raiders are now either on their way to German ports or have already arrived there. They have accomplished their mission in the Atlantic, having conducted an extraordinarily successful raid, and have aroused the avenging cruisers of the allies. Unless they make their escape promptly it is possible certain that they will be caught in the entente dragnet which is sweeping the sea. A dozen fast French and British cruisers, in addition to a fleet of converted merchantmen, are combing the Atlantic. The only safe port for the raiders is a German port, and it was stated here tonight that they were in a position to make a successful dash through the British blockading fleet. With the assistance of submarines sent out for that purpose it was believed that they might make their way back to Germany safely.

## LEAK HEARING TO RE-OPEN TUESDAY IN N.Y. EXCHANGE

Rules Committee, Determined to Unearth "Informers," Moves to Gotham.  
WILL DRIVE INTO VITALS OF WALL.  
Deemed Advisable to Hear All Speculator Testimony In N. Y. Custom House. Whipple is in Charge.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Right into the very vitals of Wall Street the House rules committee tonight proposed to drive its probe of the alleged "leak" of secret information on government and international matters from the headquarters of high officials to the hearthstone of high finance. The committee determined to postpone examining Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, whom Thomas W. Lawson says knows all about a leak from the White House, and move, bag and baggage, to the metropolis. It was announced today that the next meeting of the committee would be held in the New York Custom House at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 23. Coincident with this the committee made the official announcement of the engagement of Sherman L. Whipple, of Boston, as special counsel to conduct the probe. After an extended executive session the committee decided that it would be better to hear all Wall Street testimony in New York. They have now, under subpoena, a distinguished array of the captains of finance and they expect to go deeply into the books of the brokerage houses and those banks who handle exclusively Wall Street business. The investigation of the intimate details of how advance information eludes its guards and janitors will not be resumed until after the stock exchange houses and the bankers have been thoroughly grilled. The committee now has under subpoena: J. P. Morgan, Frank A. Vanderlip, H. P. Davison, Sol Wexler, J. S. Bache, Malcolm McAdoo, Stewart G. Gibbons, Bernard M. Baruch, Pliny Fisk, Archibald S. White, Arthur Lipper, member of the firm of C. D. Barney & Co.; Donald MacDonald, of the Boston Financial News, and James Reilly, of the Wall Street Journal. This list of witnesses will be materially augmented when the committee arrives in New York. The President of the New York Stock Exchange has already been directed to preserve all records of stock transactions during the period of market activity which is thought to have been created by the leaking of international news items from Washington. The Stock Exchange itself anticipated this request by instructing all members to preserve every scrap of documentary evidence two weeks ago. Sherman L. Whipple's salary has not yet been determined upon. He told the committee he would be content with whatever they considered adequate recompense. He left for New York today and will begin at once setting the stage for the public investigation Tuesday.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY IS ASLEEP AMONG HIS KIND, ARLINGTON

Nation Bows Its Head With All The Pomp and Ceremony of Worldly Grief.  
HERO OF MANILA BAY SLEEPS QUIETLY TODAY.  
Three Volleys From Firing Company and Pathetic Bugle Call of "Taps" Close Services.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—From a granite tomb surmounting a grassy knoll in Arlington Cemetery, all the nation bowed its head tonight to the late Admiral of the Navy, George Dewey, tonight looked down on a grief-stricken nation. Beyond the blind bronze doors of the hero's resting place, across the rolling Virginia hills and the swift Potomac, Washington, the capitol of a grateful country, lay at the feet of the warrior who won the nation's heart. Tonight the great round dome of the capitol, the glistening facades of the White House, and the tall column of the Washington monument, bathed in peaceful moonlight, were spread in solemn grandeur before the simple mausoleum testifying to the nation's reverent sorrow. The nation buried its dead with all the pomp and ceremony of worldly grief. Led by President Wilson, the chiefs of government followed the hero of Manila Bay to his last resting place and bore witness to the sorrow that had touched the nation's heart. All the crepe-draped trappings of military and naval displays were brought forth to do honor to the dead hero. All the dignity of formal ceremonial was called upon to pay tribute to the warrior. Under the great dome of the capitol the country's great bowed down in silent prayer before the draped catafalque surmounted by the Admiral's sword, the silent thousands that lined Washington's morning draped streets and the broad Virginia highways, the caisson-borne coffin of the dead hero was escorted with full pageantry of military and naval splendor, at the grassy eminence topped by the simple granite tomb, the rattle of musketry and the roar of cannon thrilled a solemn throng. But after all the mournful grandeur, the final mark of heartfelt homage came from a grey broad-shouldered man, in the simple service uniform of a naval warrant officer. He was Chief Master at Arms Charles Mitchell, shipmate of the dead hero on the Olympia, the Dewey flagship in the battle of Manila Bay. He marched in silent sorrow behind his commander through all the professional pomp. He stood at attention with quivering lips as another shipmate, Chaplain J. B. Frazier, signed the Admiral's remains to the tomb. He grasped a battered copper navy bugle tightly as a company of mishipmen fired three rattling volleys over the tomb. Then he stepped forward to blow the final call of "taps" over his dead leader. But the clear ringing notes did not come. The broad shoulders heaved conclusively, the weather beaten face quivered, and unruled tears coursed down his cheeks. "Taps for the Admiral of the navy ended in a quivering sob. And an answering sob came from the silent throng about the yawning tomb. The Admiral of the navy slept among his kind tonight. On the next hill towers the broken battlement of the sunken warship Maine, marking the resting place of the nineteen unidentified dead brought to Arlington when the Maine was raised from the bottom of Havana harbor. Rear Admiral Schley and Sampson were but a short distance away. Nearer still Benjamin P. Lambertson, fleet captain of the Manila Bay fleet, and Captain Joseph F. Coghlan, who commanded the Raleigh. The President and his wife arrived promptly and they took their positions at the head of the casket, standing opposite Mrs. Dewey. The Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, of St. John's church, then intoned the brief burial service of the Episcopal church. The casket, following the last request of the Admiral, was not opened. At the conclusion of the service the ten sturdy blue jackets lifted their commander and bore him to the street. A hearse awaited with its guard of honor standing at attention. The band softly rumbled a hymn. As the flag-draped casket passed the men and boys uncovered their heads and the women and little girls bowed their heads. It was a nation mourning its dead, deep, reverent, sincere. The Rev. John B. Frazier, fleet chaplain of Dewey's Asiatic squadron at the battle of Manila Bay, conducted the services. No eulogy was pronounced. Only the prayers and the ritual of the Episcopal church were delivered by the clergyman. Between the spoken words of the service a choir of eight voices sang "Nearer My Go to Thee" and "Abide With Me." Three rattling volleys from the firing company of mishipmen, and the pathetic bugle call of "taps" closed the ceremony. As the bronze doors clanged and the crowd melted away, a battery on the hills above rang out the nineteen gun admiral salute, which marked the close of the career of the Admiral of the Navy.

## RUSSO-RUMANIANS ARE DRIVEN BACK BY KAISER'S MEN

Germans are Successful in Some Quarters in the Rumanian Attacks.  
HAND TO HAND FIGHTS ARE NOW ANNOUNCED.  
Desperate Attacks by Rumanians North of the Suchi-ten Valley Have Been Repeated.

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KAISER TO HIT HOLLAND.  
London, Jan. 20.—Germany will soon strike at Holland, in the opinion of Louis Raemaekers, the Dutch cartoonist. The Weekly Dispatch will quote him as saying tomorrow: "The next few weeks will be among the most anxious in the history of Holland, Denmark and Switzerland, and I think the signs point to my country as being the first and most likely victim."  
"Of the three neutral states the one that could supply Germany with the greatest abundance is undoubtedly Holland."  
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ALLIED SHIPPERS CANCEL CONTRACTS  
Cancellations Made Pending Pursuit of German Raider By Entente.  
Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—Allied ship owners today announced indefinite cancellations pending what the unidentified German commerce raider which, during the last few days, has paralyzed shipping. Difficulty of locating the "Flying Dutchman" of the South Atlantic is evidenced by the varying narratives brought to this and other South American ports by refugees of the vessels sunk. The raider is said to have a differing number of funnels, but all agree that she is painted black and there seems to be evidence of the story told in the Journal Pequeno of Pernambuco that she carried the one-man submarines with which she could sink ships while attempting to escape or defend herself against hostile allied ships of war. A photograph of the raider, taken secretly by a pocket camera by one of the crew of the Dramatist, doubtless will aid the search of the British cruisers believed to be combing the waters off the east coast.

The Germans continued their attacks in Rumania, said today's official dispatch from Petrograd, and were successful in some quarters. It was admitted by the Russians that the enemy gained ground west of the Sereth and southeast of Forkshani, but failed in attacks at other points. The Russo-Rumanian forces were driven back toward the Sereth, the Petrograd advices said. On the French western front, Paris reported, "Brief artillery actions of violence" south of Lassigny, near the Oise river. The Italian official report mentioned artillery engagements on the Carso. The Berlin advices told of the taking of the town of Nanesti, on the Sereth, in a hand-to-hand encounter in a heavy snowstorm. In the eastern Carpathians, the German report said, small Russian detachments made unsuccessful attacks. Hand-to-hand fighting in that quarter also was reported. The Rumanians also were said to have repeated their "desperate attacks" north of the Suchi-ten Valley.  
No Important Events.  
Berlin (Via Sayville), Jan. 20.—In its night official statement the German war office says: "On the west front there were no important events."

SWISS RESERVISTS IN U.S. RECALLED  
Mobilization is Ordered For January 24—No Hostile Move Intimated.  
Washington, Jan. 20.—All Swiss reservists in this country today were called to the colors by the Swiss minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, acting upon instructions from his home government. Minister Ritter sent out instructions to all Swiss consuls, ordering home all reservists who have been on conditional leave. The mobilization is ordered for January 24, and applies to the reservists of the second, fourth and fifth army divisions of the army of Switzerland. Minister Ritter took pains to say that the instructions sent by his government contained no intimation that a hostile move against either of the belligerents was anticipated. He explained that the reservists were called home chiefly for the purpose of relieving two army corps now mobilized. The minister would not discuss the reports of uneasiness felt by the Swiss people because of massing of large German forces on the Swiss frontier.

## SNOW FOR NORTH AND RAIN, SOUTH, COMING.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The indications are that the western storm will cause overcast weather with probably snow in Northern and rain in Southern States east of the Mississippi river during the next 48 hours.

## PRESENT LEADERS CAN'T BE CERTAIN

Candidates Who Have Not Big Vote to Their Credit in Published List May Surprise Their Friends and Opponents.  
The vote exhibit on another page tells the story of the voting on Friday. How they will stand tomorrow—or at the end for that matter—one can tell. The leaders may be lulled into a sense of false security, and there are candidates further down in the lists who have it in their power to surprise those too confident ones, and the silent candidates are liable to give a striking demonstration to their friends that the support so loyally given has not been wasted. Some spectacular advances will renew the confidence and incite to greater energy their lagging, doubtful supporters. Now that the contest is so close to a finish, the battle cry for each and every one interested in a candidate should be "victory."  
The time has come when it is of the utmost importance that the contestants devote every available moment to the work of subscription getting. The contestants should avail themselves of the assistance their friends can give them in helping to secure the winning number of subscriptions and votes. It is organized effort that counts.  
From now on, numerical strength will count for little against united support, and some of the candidates lower down in the list are already getting the latter in most effective form. How far this will carry the contestants remains to be seen, but the opinion may be safely ventured that some of the contestants from lower down in the list will poll a vote that may be a distinct surprise to many of those who believe their candidates to be numerically strong. Organization combined with generalship and energetic efforts are the qualities that may be relied upon to prove the decisive factors in determining the winners at the finish on January 29.  
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## War Department To Probe Flight Of Lost Aviators

Washington, Jan. 20.—The aeroplane flight of Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop and Lieutenant Robertson, of the army, who narrowly escaped death from starvation in the wilds of Sonora, Mexico, is being investigated by the War Department. It is reported that the two aviators made their flight without any direct instructions. They started from the aviation base at North Island, San Diego harbor. They are said to have crossed the border into Mexican territory without direct authorization from headquarters.

## CONFIDENT MAGNATES DO NOT WORRY FULTZ.

New York, Jan. 20.—David L. Fultz, organizer and president of the Base Ball Players' Fraternity, refuses to be awed by the statements of Presidents Tener and Johnson and other big league magnates that a threatened strike of baseball players hardly interests them. He issued a statement tonight declaring that the players will stick together. He says they have always been willing to arbitrate, "but we are no longer willing to do so."  
"The controversy arose over a petition which the base ball players' fraternity presented to the National commission, the Supreme Court of baseball, and the National board, which has jurisdiction over the minor leagues," said Fultz. "This petition asks for certain revisions in the customs governing the game to which the fraternity deemed the players were entitled. The petition, in so far as it applied to the major leagues, was granted by the commission."  
"The National board, at least, so we are informed by the public press, which is our only source of information, tabled our requests without a hearing."  
Cross Takes Count.  
New York, Jan. 20.—Soldier Bartfield defeated Marty Colder in a 10 round bout at the Clermont Sporting Club in Brooklyn tonight.

## WILSON HONORED BOTH LEE AND JACKSON.

(Special to The Dispatch.)  
Wilson, Jan. 20.—In the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday afternoon under the auspices of the John W. Durham Daughters of the Confederacy quite a large gathering, many Confederate veterans, widows, sons and daughters of the heroes who passed through the dark days of the war, met to do honor to the immortal Lee and Jackson.  
The speaker on the occasion, Judge H. G. Connor and Hon. F. D. Swindell, were graciously introduced by Mrs. Walter P. Woodard, president of the chapter. After the program arrangements were served.

## TEN DIE, 20 INJURED IN PRUSS EXPLOSION.

London, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Berlin received here by way of Amsterdam, reports an explosion in a Spandau ammunition laboratory in Spandau, Prussia. It was stated that ten persons were killed and 20 hurt.

## WILSONITE MAY GET U. S. ARMY OFFICE.

(Special to The Dispatch.)  
Wilson, N. C., Jan. 20.—Arch A. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Farmer, of this city, has received notification from the War Department, that he has successfully passed the examination for provisional appointment as second lieutenant, United States Army. Young Farmer is a graduate of A. & M. college and is well known throughout the State, having captained the A. & M. baseball team in 1913-1914.

## BREAKS ARM WHILE CRANKING HIS AUTO.

(Special to The Dispatch.)  
Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 20.—The Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, fractured his right arm while cranking his car this afternoon.  
He drove the car to church with one hand, preached his sermon and did not know his arm was broken until he received medical attention on his return here.

## London Explosion Costs Lives Of Thirty Odd Persons

London, Jan. 20.—The explosion last night in the munitions factory recorded in official reports, as "In the east of London," killed between 30 and 40 persons judging from the number of bodies recovered, and hurt about 100 persons. Three rows of small houses were demolished by the blast. The official statement on the matter says that the explosion was caused by fire and that the plant was used for refining explosives. It was stated that the practically all the explosives in the factory were set off, that the five buildings were destroyed and that the chief chemist of the factory and "a number of the other work people" were killed by the explosion or buried in the ruins. The chemist, a Dr. Angell, while advising the other workmen to seek safety attempted to fight the fire and lost his life in doing so.