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TEN WERE KILLED IN LAST NIGHT'S RAIDONENGLAND

Seventy Were Injured in London and Five Outside of

WARM RECEPTION FOR RAIDING AIRCRAFT

Was Believed to Have Been Destroyed

By Associated Press). Logidon, Dec 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during that night's air raid. Outside of only five injured ouside The following official communica-

mint night's air raid casualties killed and 70 injured in Lorent Only five injured outside

now in regard to casualties was given

"Several fires occurred. The materni damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military

in decepting bombs on the city. sure the report.

A British pilot fired two drums of theech pending, and those on railroad ammunition into a raider as it was and shipping affairs to be begun. dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet.

A rer the main attack of the raidstroyed was hit by the fire of antiamerait guns and finaly dropped into armed trawler.

MORE GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press). more than \$58,000,000 for land and haldings for housing all the governactivities in Washington with has been recommended to Congress by the Public Buildings Commission in the last report. The buildings pro-

player since the war began, and the investigation. building program does not take into are in the expanded war organization. At present the government is paying about \$1,000,000 a year in rent for private buildings in Washington.

HUMBOLDT STOPPED

(By Associated Press)

tian winese wrestling fame brought pull a stention to this little city. Business paused and the school Gotch WANT FIGURES ON attended as a boy remained closed as the ally and country size gowned in the retired world's chamhith wheater, who died at his home Sunday, after a protracted

Harding was among the timer had charge of the ser-ed

SUCCESSFUL RAID ON A GERMAN AIRDOME

from 19-yels

All of our machines return- Federal Court there.

Search Homes for Sugar.

One Was Shot Down and Crew CHRISTMAS RECESS

Senate Has a Quintet of Important Inquiries Now Under Way

CONGRESS RECESSED

Investigation of Army and of Sugar in Progress, LaFollette's Pending, Railroad and Shipping to Begin

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 19.-Senate inquiries into the transportation situation, From 16 to 20 raiders, di- men during the Christmas recess. in groups, circleaver t to When Congress adjourned yesterday until January 3, the Senate left behind it, five investigations, army pre- if the facts warrant. There is reason to believe another parations and sugar in full swing, one

The Senate's decision to investigate ital and other important ships. the railroad situation was taken deers ceased, a single airplane flew over spite the fact that administration Landon at about 9 o'clock. The raider spokesmen indicated President Wil definitely known to have been de son will present his plans for solution of the problem after the holiday in esea of Kent. Two of the crew recess. The Senate Interstate Comof three were captured alive by an merce Committee was authorized to start the inquiry before Congres reassembled January 3.

Senator Commins, in proposing the BUILDINGS NEEDED investigation, asserted that he expected it would be constructive insetad of critical and the recent report of the In- chant ships. Washington, Dec. 19.-Expenditure tersate commerce commission sugest-

Equally quick was the action on of the Navy in this war. posed are in addition to the perman- Senator Harding's resolution to inves- "When you come to write the story en government buildings already oc- tigate the shipping situation. The of the war," he said, "one of the most resolution, prompted, it was announce thrilling chapters will be regarding The report disclosed that in the last ed by its sponsor, by tre continual these young men who went on the If years the number of government reorganization of the Shipping Board merchant ships and risked their lives. employes here has increased about and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, I refer to those who went on our own the per cent. This increase does not was approved and the commerce com- merchant ships, of course. We have melade the vast inflow of new emmittee instructed to proceed with an put guns on every ship going into

Chairman Fletcher called the committee to meet Thursday to arrange tary said, "of the way the Navy has

took final action toward submission know somewhat of our activities. A to the States of the Federal Prohibi- taking of stock, so to speak, cannot tion amendment and arranged for the fail to bring ways for still further FOR GOTCH'S FUNERAL disposal of Walsh Coal and Oil Leas- improvement and for still more effiing bill, January 7. The House pass- cient work in future. We feel we ed a resolution to remove doubt as to have done well, but we still have Hamiltonat, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Hum- the application of the excess profit problems, some of them very diffibolds thened from its normal tasks taxes to Federal officers except the cult, which we have been trying to by to place in Union Cemetery President and Supreme Justices and solve in the best way possible in the hope the body of Frank A. Gotch, the arranged to take up the suffrage very brief time allotted to solve amendment January 10.

RED CROSS DRIVE

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 19.-With incoming returns indicating steady progress in the Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross for handled of personal friends of the 10,000,000 new members, National hampion who were to join in Headquarters here today requested possible under all circumstances. In the repeat services in the Congrega division managers to forward com- some things creditable speed has set for mid afternoon. plete figures of the new enrollment been achieved; in all things there has beautiful Bennett, of Salina, so as to ascertain definitely the gains been team work in the department made since the first of the week. Re- and in the entire service to have church, here and a per- ports from many sections indicate things well done and thoroughly lound of Gotch's, was to de-that the quotas easily will be attain- done." the funeral oration. The Ma-led and in some cases, greatly exceed

HEARING TODAY IN THE JOHNSON CASE

(By Associated Press) Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Several commission which was authorized under the 1917 legislative act to make a great plant of the first of the legislative act to make a survey of educational commissions, and survey of e White Slave" Act. They brought inting plant, public school teachers tities as possible on contracts for 4! aircraft dropped bombs with them as a witness Edith Godbey, rensions, and report findings to the South Carolina towns. who but t close to the sheds and whom Johnson is alleged to have un- 19 7 Legislature. The appointee's munition dump and railway lawfully taken from West Virginia are: R. H. Wright, president of the the Engel airdrome on to Kentucky and back. The visiting Ear's Carolina Training School; Prof. One enemy aircarft was officials sought the return of John- E. C Brooks. of the chair education broaden alown ablaze and one out of son to West Virginia for trial in the of T. nity College: Dr. Chas. E

Before Johnson's arrest on the pres- C. C. Wright, County Superintendent ent charge, Governor McCall refused of Wilkes, and L. J. Bell, city superthe requisition of Governor Cornwell intendent of Rockingham and County of West Virginia for the extradition Superintendent Richard county. New Associated Press).
New Lord, R. L. Dec. 19.—The homes of Johnson to Charleston, where he " wealthy lamilies here were was wanted on a charge of assault. ! Total today by United States Sec. A legal representative of this State agents on reports receive sent by Governor McCall to West Lakeward J. Dec. 19.—The "It by the government that quantities Virginia to investigate the case re- Lakewood Country Club was destroyof sugar had been hoarded. None ported that he believed that Johnson ed by fire today. The property is eswould not be assured of a fair trial. timated at upwards of \$100,000.

Feels Proud of Navy's Accom- Men in Coal Mines Are Applishments and Welcomes the Investigation

NAVY NOW BUILDING **424 CAPITAL SHIPS**

The Secretary Refrained From Devulging Inforation that Might Be of Value to the Enemy

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels and Paymaster General Mc-TUESDAY AFTERNOON Gowan of the navy were the first wit nesses summoned to appear today before the House Naval Committee delegated to begin an investigation into only two days-Christmas and New cast of a crop of only 540,000,000 bushthe navy's war activities.

tee said that he expected a number quarters of the United Mine Workers of leading naval authorities, including those abroad, would furnish information to the committee particularly reof the German airplanes which both rail and ship, have been added to sions would be public but those at the coal bins throughout the country. ber 1 was 79.3 per cent. of a normal. the raid was brought the series of war activity investiga- which subjects considered Navy sec- Never before has a coal shortage been The acreage is 4.0 per cent. more another is believed to have tions to be conducted by Congress- rets were discussed would be held to acute. Industries are being forced than the revised estimated area shown

The purpose of the investigation, he

operation between the personnel of quickly as possible. the Navy and the personnel of the

One of the great problems, he said, was to furnish gun crews to mer-

ent difficulties probably would be con- young men and made the young men this holiday request is fulfilled." effcient is really one of the big things

the submarine zone that requested it.

met the actual test of war. I am In its last busines day, the Senate glad for Congress and the public to

"To the best solution of these problems we hope to have suggestions and belp from this committee and from Congress. We do not claim that we have done everything in the best possible way or that we have made no mistakes. I believe, however, when you know all, we have attempted we will receive your confirming judgment that we have done as well as

GOVERNOR NAMES EDUCATION BOARD *

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Governor Bickett today appointed his education Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Several commission which was authorized un- relieve a widespread coal short-

> Lakewood Club Burned. (Br Associated Press)

TO OBSERVE ONLY OF WINTER WHEAT.

pealed to By Their Head-

THIS IS DEMANDED BY PATRIOTIC DUTY

Men Urged to Observe Only Christmas and New Year's Days in Order to Relieve Coal Famine

(By Associated Press) . Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—Coal miners of the country are called upon to forego their usually extended holiday this Christmas time and take lowest condition on record. A fore-Year's day-in a statement issued els was made today by the Depart Chairman Oliver of the sub-commit- here today at the international head- ment of Agriculture. The final pro-

of America. The statement follows. ditions hereafter are better or worse "The United States is in the grip of than the average. garding the navy's work overseas, a coal famine. Recent snows and ex-He announced that part of the ses- cessive cold weather have depleted next year's harvest aggregates 42,170,to close for the lack of fuel. Street in the fall of 1916. said, is to learn what the Navy has lights and electric signs are being series, which is 30.0 per cent. more

Administration is urging every pos tion of the crop on December 1 was Secretary Daniels gave a general re- sible economy to meet the abnormal 84.1 per cent. of a normal. on Cator LeFollette's St. Paul view of what the Navy has been do-demand for coal. The coal miner is ing, avoiding disclosing facts that being looked to to do his bit to keep percentage of increase over last year would be of value to the enemy. He the factories and railroads in opera- in Southern States follow: said the Navy is now building 424 cap- tion and the households and public institutions warm.

> Discussing the use of submarine "In normal times it has been the chasers, he said they were regarded custom to lay the mines idle during as a necessity, but there was "no the week of Christmas holidays begreat enthusiasm" about them as a cause the market for fuel could be weapon for permanent effectiveness. met without working during their pe-Naval aviation, he said, has made riod, but this year conditions have gratifying strides, but has been ham-changed. Motive power of railroads pered by lack of manufacturing facil- has practically broken down. Insufficient car supply makes it necessary Secretary Daniels praised the co-that every empty car be loaded as

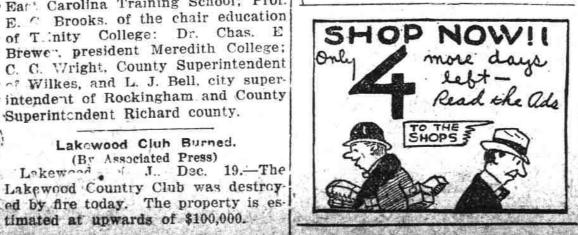
"Therefore, out of consideration for the public need, we are calling on the United Mine Workers of America to take only two holidays, Christmas and New Year's. Our patriotic duty demands that this be done. It will "We made these reserve ships," be a service the people of the nation ing either government operation or said Mr. Daniels, "a school for gun- will appreciate. We earnestly urge repeal of the anti-pooling laws and ners and the effciency with which local presidents, secretaries and mine a Federal loan as a way out of presthese officers have taken hold of the committees everywhere to see that

called From Saloniki Command

(By Associated Press). commander of the Allied arimes at that season was 34,829,000 acres. General Guillemet.

identified with the Allied operations when he was sent to command the French expeditionary force engaged; in an attempt to succor the Serbians'

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 19.—Steps to vyear average.



Forecast of Crop by the Census Bureau Shows Only 540,000,000

SOUTHERN STATES INCREASE ACREAGE

North Carolina With 1,179,-000 Acres Shows an Increase of 15 Per Cent-Acreage of Country 42,170,000

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 19.-Winter wheat this year, planted on the largest acrecountry, showed on December first the duction, however, will be above or be low that quantity, according as con-

000 acres and its condition on Decem-

The area sown to rye is 6,119,000 done and give it a clean bill of health turned out to save coal. The Fuel than sown a year ago, and the condi

Virginia 1,463,000 acres, 10 per cent.

North Carolina 1,179,000 acres, 15 per cent. South Carolina 270,000 acres.

Georgia 428,000 acres, 9 per cent. Tennessee 840,000 acres, 5 per cent Alabama 144,000 acres, 20 per cent. Mississippi 36,000 acres, 100 per

Texas 1,622,000 acres, decrease of Oklahoma 3.264,000 acres, decrease

of 4 per cent. Arkansas 288,000 acres, increase of Increase sowings of winter wheat

and rye throughout the country were urged farmers by the Department of Agriculture to supply the needs of the co-belligerents of the United States in war. This year's crop of wheat has necessitated adoption of methods to conserve the supply of having consumers in the United States cut down Bureau to give its orders for guns on use of that cereal. The wheatless the certainty that war was coming, day and the use of corn meal as a were futile and after the war was startsubstitute are measures Food Administration officials are urging in order to increase the quantity of wheat that may be sent abroad.

While last year's sowings of winter wheat were on the second largest area ever planted to that cereal, severe win ter conditions caused an abandonment of more than 31 per cent, of the "We are rather proud," the Secre- Reports That He Has Been Re- acreage. Last Juli 40,534,000 acres were planted to winter wheat, revised figures show, but the area harvested was only 27,663,000 acres, a reduction of 12,881,000 acres from the planted area. The 1915 sowings were on 39, London, Dec. 19.-General Sarrail, 203,000 acres while the harvested area

Saloniki, has been recalled, according Last year's abandoned acreage was to newspaper announcement in An-the heaviest on record. The averthens, says a Reuter dispatch from age abandonment of acreage due to the Greek capital under date of De- winter conditions is about 10 per cent cember 15. The successor of Gen-the lowest amandonment in the last eral Sarrail in command of the Mace- 15 years being 2.8 per cent. in 1903, donian forces, it is stated, will be and the highest, excepting last year was 20.1 per cent. in 1912.

Conditions for planting and the ear General M. P. E. Sarrail has been by growth of this year's crop have not been the best. Dry weather delaybased on Saloniki since October, 1915, ed germination of late sown seed and

It was one of the dryest Novembers on record in Kansas, the principal during the Teutonic-Bulgarian drive winter wheat growing State. Rain of the British steamer City of Naples, ing used as a transport and carried that resulted in the overrunning of fall during that month was less than 25 per cent. of the normal from east der convoy of destroyers, by a German When Saloniki was turned into an ern Kansas eastward across Iowa. Allied base and active operations on northern Missouri, Central and North- here today of an American steamship. the Macedonian front were begun by ern Illinois. Indiana and Ohio, which The British vessel was just ahead of the Entente forces, the next year varied from the principal wheat grow-the American ship when struck by General Sarrail directed tre united ing belt. The Department of Agri-torpedo, operations of the Allies and has since culture, however, says the yield of After the City of Naples was struck, remained in command on this front, winter wheat is not determined en destroyers dropped four depth bombs 🌣 🤧 🏚 🍁 🍁 🍁 🍁 🍁 🍦 Summer and fall.

COAL FOR SOUTH CAROLINA. & December 1 compares with 85.7 per these reached their mark and did not late last night which destroyed the cent. of a normal on that date last know what became of the crew of the four story building at 329 West Bal-♦ year, 87.7 in 1915 and 89.3, the 10- British vessel.

The December 1 rve condition com-

(By Associated Press) latter club should pay it.

said Alexander, "but I think the public elsewhere in the United States. me. They sold me for \$50,000. Hard tail dealers fix the price at which all the ministry. ought to get some of it."

tract with Chicago.

Manufacturers Tell How They Sunk Wanted to Prepare Before

War Was Declared SUFERIORITY OF NEW

ORDNANCE BUREAU

Change to New Rifles Was a ed east of the Brenta last week the in-Wise One, and the Browning vaders, despite the heavy losses in-Machine Gun is Best

Made

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 19.-How ordgovernment's war needs, spent mil lions in preparations on the chance that war orders would follow while the Army Ordnance Bureau refused to act was related today by manufacturers to the Senate committee conducting the war inquiry.

The manufacturers agreed, however that the War Department's decision to change the type of army rifle, even though it involved a delay in delivery, was a wise one, because it enabled the American army to use a very superior grade of ammunition.

But the efforts of the manufacturers, the witnesses said, to get the Ordnance ed delaying changes in specifications were made.

Vice President Stoddard of the Marlin Arms Corporation, declared that merous bombs were dropped on Lonwhen he offered to begin work on guns don and in Essex and Kent by the enon the certainty that war was coming, Colonel Rice, of the Ordnance Bureau early yesterday evening. British airtold him: "We're not intered."

"It was utterly impossible to make dard," and we simply folded our tents nounced. and went home."

After the manufacture of rifles began, it was testified. Colonel Thompson wanted to delay production several months by insisting on new standards but the manufacturers appealed to General Crozier, chief of the bureau,

All the witnesses agreed that the new Browning machine gun now being manufactured for the army, is superior to any other weapon of its kind in

STEAMER CITY OF NAPLES TORPEDOED

(By Associated Press) An Atlantic Port, Dec. 19.-Sinking

3.714 tons, on December 5, while unsubmarine, was reported on the arrival of the cruiser, which displaced 7,893

tirely by the rainfall during the late over the spot where the submarine was believed to have been. The Am-The condition of winter wheat on erican captain did not know whether

INDICTMENT AGAINST

(By Associated Press). was returned today by the grand jury were slightly injured \$10,000 OF PRICE in the United States court against Colgate and Company, whose rome PACIFIST PREACHER offices are at Jersey City, for violation Chicago, Dec. 19.—Grover Alexan of the Act approved July 21, 1890. der, the pitcher purchased by the Chi- against the unlawful restraint and cago Nationals from Philadelphia, monopoly of trade, It is charged in stated that he thought \$10,000 would the indictment that Colgate and Combe his fair share of the purchase price pany have the three years immediate. Rev. E. P. Ryland, removed last Monnaid Philadelphia and he thought the ly preceding this date engaged in such day as superintendent of the Los Ar-"I am not making any threats," district of the State of Virginia and nia conference of the Methodist Evis

the defendant suppressed competition, said Mr. Ryland,

Continue Search for a Weak Point in the Italian Line

HAIG IS MAKING CHANGES IN STAFF

General Shake-up at Headquarters is Proceeding-Russia Makes Demands of Central Powers-Crusier

On the Italian northern front the Austro-Germans persist in strong efforts to find a weak point in the Ital-WEAPONS IS ADMITTED ian defense and through it to rush south to the Venetian plains. Checkflicted upon them by the Italians have struck two new points on the line be-

tween Asiago and the Piave. Monte Solarolo, between the Brenta and the Piave, has become the cennance me ufacturers, anticipating the tre of fighting in this sector. Berlin. claims the capture of some Italian positions there and the repulse of Italian counter attacks. Vigorous attacks in this region, Rome says, were repulsed by the defenders. West of the Brenta, the Austro-Germans have attacked in the mountain region and Berlin says more than 1,000 prisoners

There has been no change on the front in France. Infantry fighting has not increased and the artillery con-

tinues to be active in certain sectors. Field Marshal Haig, The London Times says, is making important changes in his headquarters staff. The British commander-in-chief in France has made virtually no changes since he took over the command from Vis-

count French. London and coast towns again have been visited by German raiders. Nuemy airplanes which crossed the coast planes met the enemy in the air and the anti-aircraft defenses subjected the Ordnance Department realize the him to a heavy fire. The casualties possibilities of war." said Mr. Stod- and damage caused has not been an-

> Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheyki Foreign Minister, to demand of the Central Powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk whether they agree to make peace without annexations and indemnities and "on the principle of self-definition of nations." Trotzky is reported to have invited Allied participation on the threat that treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged. Clear indications of the internal situation in Russia still

The old French cruiser Chatehu Renault was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Friday and the submarine which attacked her also was destroyed. The cruiser was bemilitary passengers, all of whom were rescued. Ten members of the crew

BALTIMORE HAD BAD FIRE LAST NIGHT

tons, were lost.

(By Associated Press) Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Revised estlmates of the losses caused by the fire timore street, in the busines center of the city, and damaged two adjoining buildings, placed the total amount COLGATE COMPANY at \$200,000. Morris Brothers Company, Inc., clothiers, and the Southern Commission Company, were the Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.-Indictment principal sufferers. Five firemen

QUITS THE MINISTRY

(By Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19,-The unlawful practices within the eastern geles district of the Scathern Califorcopal church by Bishop Adna W. should know the situation. Seven The indictment alleges that the de Leonard for alleged "pacifist ideas," years ago Philadelphia paid \$750 for fendant did through wholesale and re- announced today his withdrawal from

work brought about the boom in my their products should be sold and did "I love the Methodist church and I stock and the man who did the work refuse to sell their products to those sincerely regret it has become necesdealers who would not agree to sell at sary for me to withdraw from the min-Alexander has not yet signed a cor- the prices fixed by the defendant, thus istry in which I have served 26 years,"