

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina—Cloudy and much colder tonight and Sunday; probably light rain tonight.
South Carolina—Cloudy and colder tonight and Sunday.

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KRUPP'S MUNITIONS FACTORY AT ESSEN REPORTED BURNING

Plant Said to Be Still Ablaze 24 Hours After Fire Was Started

GERMANY'S BIGGEST WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Manufactures Arms and Ammunition, and Probably Employs Nearly 100,000 Persons—Closely Guarded

(By Associated Press.)
Munster, Holland, Friday, Dec. 22.—The Admiralty per Wireless from Workmen from Essen, Germany, says that the Krupp plant, the great German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

The plant at Essen, the main establishment of the Krupp, the largest manufacturer in Germany of arms and munitions, employed about 30,000 men before the war. It has been expanded greatly during the war. Facts relating to its present size and the number of workmen are kept secret by the German government. It was reported officially in October of last year that about 70,000 persons, including several thousand women, were at work there and that 20,000 more were to be added to the force.

Early this year, there was a strike at the Krupp works, said to have been due to lack of food. It was reported that 10,000 workers were removed and the authorities combated it by sending many of the men to the front, but the authentic information was permitted to come out of Germany.

Essen is in Rhenish Prussia, about 40 miles from the Dutch border. Few places in Germany are guarded more carefully. No persons unknown to the German authorities are permitted to visit the town. The plant has been visited several times by French and British airmen notwithstanding its formidable anti-aircraft defenses. Press dispatches last July said 100 persons there had been killed in a raid by French airplanes and that considerable damage had been done to the works.

FURPORTED WILL IS BREAKING TO PIECES

(By Associated Press.)
Honolulu, Dec. 22.—H. Keakoha, one of two witnesses who signed the purported will of the late Queen Liliuokalani, naming "Princess" Tehorua as her chief legatee, today repudiated his affidavit, which was said to have been signed in the presence of the Queen, and confessed it had been signed under pressure in the home of the "Princess" Bellevue.

A grand jury investigation into the purported will was ordered recently by Judge S. K. Kamakia, whose name was said to have been on the will as a witness, later declared he was not present when the will was signed, but had signed his signature in his home at the request of the "Princess" Bellevue.

GROUND GLASS IN CANNED TOMATOES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Major General William H. Carter, commander of the 4th Department of the Army, has written orders to commanders of every division in his division warning that ground glass has been found in the cans of canned tomatoes and that the cans which were being held for shipment to army camps should be examined. The orders were sent to the division with Hinton C. Clayton, chief of the local bureau of the Department of Justice, who informed the division of the discovery of the ground glass at once.

TO STANDARDIZE COTTON LINTERS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Practicability of standardizing cotton linters is being investigated by Department of Agriculture specialists. Handling and marketing of cotton is being studied and the program is being given to the department's linters.

There is the great demand for this kind of cotton. The great increase in the price of cotton has increased the demand for linters from about 50 pounds to approximately 150 pounds per ton of cotton seed. On account of its present high price and low quality, the manufacturers, and felt makers, as well as other manufacturers who have used linters in the past, have abandoned the production of a large extent. Practically the entire production of linters now is being used for war munition purposes.

FATALLY CRIPPLED FRENCH WARSHIP SANK SUBMARINE

The Frenchman Was Torpedoed While Crising in the Ionian Sea

MADE PRISONERS OF SUBMARINE'S CREW

Destroyers and Aircraft Aided Warship, Raining Shells Upon U-Boat When Forced to Surface

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 21.—A statement by the Ministry of Marine concerning the sinking of the old French cruiser Chateau-Renaud says that the warship with several other vessels was attacked by a submarine in the Ionian sea at 7:15 o'clock on the morning of December 14. Continuing, the statement says:

"The torpedo struck on the starboard side in the region of the stockhold, which it flooded and at the same time bursting steam pipes which stopped the engines. The captain at once manned the hand steering gear and steered so as to utilize the momentum of the ship and approach the shore, which was in sight. Passengers and crew were ordered to their boat stations at the sound of the explosion. Torpedo boat destroyers, which formed a part of the convoy, dashed in the direction from which the torpedo had come and volleyed shells at the spot where it was presumed the submarine had submerged. "While the boats were being lowered from the Chateau-Renaud, the enemy submarine came up on her left. The cruiser sank to her gunports, but nevertheless the gun crews remained at their posts and opened a hot fire on the submarine which promptly dived. A second torpedo fired shortly after struck the Chateau-Renaud on the starboard side forward. She sank by the head a few minutes after the captain got aboard a patrol boat. All passengers were saved, but 10 members of the crew are missing and are supposed to have been killed by the explosion.

"The torpedo boat destroyer, overloaded with survivors renewed the attack on the submarine under the water and then on the surface when she appeared for an instant only to submerge precipitately under fire of the guns of the destroyer. Two submarines then bombed her. The submarine probably had been struck by a shell so as to make it impossible for her to remain submerged for she appeared once again and was immediately covered by a rain of shells. One of her gunners was swept overboard by a shell while in the act of aiming his piece and all the others jumped into the sea while the submarine sank like a stone to pieces by French guns. The prisoners number 22, among them, the captain of the submarine and two officers."

MEATLESS MINCEMEAT. A NEW "CAMOUFLAGE"

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Meatless mincemeat, another culinary triumph in the art of food conservation, has been brought to the housewives of the country by the National Emergency Garden Commission, as a worthy companion of pumpkin pie and gingerbread.

The new mincemeat, officially described as a "camouflage," was tried on 500 troops on a transport who pronounced it perfect and called for more.

Half a package of seeded raisins, half a pound of prunes stewed with lemon juice and peel, one quarter cup sweet cider, four tablespoons brown sugar, chop the raisins and prunes together, and the result is said to be a meatless mincemeat which will accompany the food administration's meatless Tuesday.

As turkey does not violate the meatless day, Christmas dinner may thus be complete.

DIGGING FOR WATER IN MID DESERT



A halt in midst of the desert during the advance of the British forces operating in the Egyptian area. The men shown in this British official photo are digging for water.

MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED

Johnson County Man Consumed When House Was Mysteriously Destroyed

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Ira Barber, a young white man, of Johnson county was burned Wednesday night with his gallon of blockade booze, according to messages received here last night from Johnston county. Barber, who is represented by Johnston's sheriff as food for naught, is said to have bought the liquor and gone to the house of some negroes where he got drunk. When next seen the house was burned down, and it is supposed all went with it. Deputy Marshal George Moore telephoned the story to Raleigh late last night.

Sheriff Grimes, of Johnson, knew little of the details when interviewed over long distance, but revenue officers here say there is little doubt that Barber was destroyed because he had betrayed the blockade still, which was recently raided.

There is disagreement as to whether the house was the shack of the negroes, who left the helpless white to struggle with liquor and fire, or whether Barber was burned in his own house.

A SERIOUS SPLIT IN PEASANTS' CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 22.—The meagre news reports from Petrograd indicate a serious division in the Peasants' Congress which has been in session there for a fortnight. The right wing led by M. Tchernoff, insists that all power shall be given to the Constituent Assembly which will decide upon peace, the land question and other reforms, while the left is dominated by the Soldiers and Workmen's Assembly. All attempts to heal the breach have failed. The left wing has a slight majority.

Officers of the Baltic fleet have adopted a resolution protesting against the latest reform which places the supreme command of the fleet in the hands of the body of elected sailors and makes all posts elective. The resolution of protest declares that the reform if carried out, will paralyze the fleet and prevent peace on a democratic basis because to impotent Russia peace will be dictated by the imperialists of the sea.

UNITED STATES IS STANDING PAID

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Lansing said today that no information of the terms of Germany's expected "Christmas peace" offer has reached the State Department and the attitude of the United States toward a peace negotiation was unchanged.

What purports to be an outline of the peace terms has been received here through neutral diplomatic channels. The attitude of the United States on peace records with that of the co-belligerents—reparation and restoration by Germany.

Canada Restricts War Charities
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—After today's collections, tag days and bazaars for war charities will not be allowed by the Dominion Government, unless authorized in writing by the governing body of a registered war charity association. Recent cases of alleged grafting in connection with various so-called war charities in various parts of Canada have led the Government to decide upon strict regulations. All societies engaged in war charity work will be required to register with the Secretary of State in Ottawa. All accounts of registered societies will be

ARGENTINA AGAIN SCENE OF RIOTS AGAINST TEUTONS

Publication of Luxburg Messages Stirs People to Angry Demonstrations

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH

Considerable Artillery Activity Along the Western Front—Italians Try to Regain Lost Ground

(By Associated Press.)
German attacks in Alsace have been repulsed, according to the French war office. The chief of these attacks at Hartmannsweilerkopf took the Germans into the first line French trenches, but in the engagement that followed they were driven out with heavy losses. At other points along the French front, artillery activity has been intermittent, except at Caucarières wood in the Champagne region, where the Germans have been shelled by the Belgians. In Flanders, the Belgian war office reports artillery activity, though less intense because of fog.

An offensive movement initiated by the Italians in which they launched seven attacks against the enemy front west of Monte Asolone is claimed by the German official communication to have been without success.

In the region of Doiran, in the Eastern war theatre, artillery activity continues. In the same war theatre British troops have carried out a successful raid in the region of Lake Butkova, capturing one officer and 54 Bulgarian soldiers.

The publication of telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, former German minister, to the Berlin Foreign Office, has resulted in riots in Buenos Aires where crowds of people assembled and demanded a rupture of relations with Germany. A mob in the Calle Florida was dispersed after a fight with mounted police. Guards again have been stationed around property owned by Germans in the city and police are guarding the office of La Union, the newspaper for which Count von Luxburg obtained a subsidy. Congress is expected to insist upon an explanation by the government of the conditions revealed in the Von Luxburg telegrams.

SPALDING NOW LIEUTENANT.

WILMINGTON MAN'S BROTHER IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
Greenville, S. C., Dec. 22.—The death of two enlisted men of the 30th division, Camp Sevier, is announced at division headquarters. The dead are Private Frank A. Beasley, 115th field artillery; next of kin, father, Brantley Beasley, Gleason, Tenn.; and Private Jasper L. Best, 119th infantry, next of kin, brother, W. H. Best, Wilmington, N. C. Pneumonia following measles caused the death of each.

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN AT WILSON

(By Associated Press.)
Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—Joseph Harrison, a prominent citizen and his son, Luther Harrison, were killed here last night, when a freight train of the Norfolk Southern railroad, crashed into an automobile in which they were riding. Luther Harrison was driving the car. There was a third occupant, Mrs. Harrison, wife and mother of the two persons killed. She was unhurt.

Reinvest Bond Interest.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—C. S. Pearce, cashier of the United States Treasury today instituted the plan of asking all persons who presented interest coupons of the first Liberty Bonds for payment to reinvest the proceeds in war savings stamps. Most complied immediately.



Albert Spalding, the noted violinist, has cabled from "somewhere in France" that he has won a commission and is now a first lieutenant with the American Expeditionary forces. The violinist enlisted last June as a private in the Aviation Corps of the Signal Service.

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF MRS. JOHNSON

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GREAT POWER BY HELD PACKERS

Large Meat Packers Were Represented in Directorship of Junction Railways

INFLUENCE EXTENDED TO REAL ESTATE

Treasurer of Armour Company Had Bad Memory When Questioned About Holdings of Company

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Redistribution of shareholdings of the Chicago Stock Yards Company was begun as soon as the managers got wind of the Trade Commission's coming investigation.

It was brought out in testimony before the commission today that the same day a Federal Investigator appeared 34,480 shares were divided into 17 portions.

The object of the sudden transfer, as it appeared from the testimony is alleged to really be with the great meat packing concerns.

The day a Federal agent walked into the offices of F. H. Prince and Company, in Boston, the 34,480 shares were split into one warrant for 18,480 shares and 16 warrants for one thousand shares each.

Evidence to show that persons connected with all the large meat packers are represented on the board of directors of the Chicago Junction Railways Company, operating the terminal railroads of the Chicago stock yards, was introduced today by Francis J. Heney, special counsel, conducting the Federal Trade Commission's investigation into the packing industry.

Frederick W. Croll, treasurer of Armour and Company, recalled to the stand today, testified also that the influence of the packers extended to the real estate situation in Chicago. Attorney Heney said that Directors Spoor, and Thayer and Fitzgerald of the Chicago Junction Railway, held the Central Manufacturing District property, where many large firms are located, as trustees for the Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stock Yards Company.

Croll was asked whether the Armour books showed all the companies in which the firm was interested. He said the books showed all the companies in which the firm was interested.

"Dr. Armour and Company's books show they are interested in any cotton seed oil?" asked Mr. Heney.

"Yes," replied Mr. Croll, "but I cannot recollect the location of them."

"Do they show that Armour and Company were interested in a large string of plants through Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee which stood in the name of Louis Ehle, from 1907 to 1917?" asked Mr. Heney.

"I don't remember."

"Mr. Heney read a list of stock yards in which Armour and Company were interested, the list including the yards at Louisville, Denver, Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Jersey City, Pittsburg, Sioux City, St. Paul, St. Louis, Portland, Ore., and Toronto, Canada.

CARELESSNESS WAS CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

(By Associated Press.)
Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 22.—Corporal Charles Volkner, Company B, 106th Field Artillery, has been tried by a court-martial at Camp Wadsworth and found guilty of criminal carelessness in connection with the killing of Private Antonia Massicci, his tent mate. The court-martial imposed sentence of one year in jail. It is charged that Volkner was explaining a new rifle when the weapon was discharged, instantly killing Massicci. Testimony taken at the trial showed that both men were good friends and that there was no criminal motive or intent. Volkner is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., as was the dead man.

THE CITY OF NAPLES WAS TORFEDOED

(By Associated Press.)
An Atlantic Port, Dec. 22.—The British steamship City of Naples, reported a few days ago to have been sunk by a torpedo off the British coast while under convoy of destroyers, arrived here today. It was learned the vessel was not attacked by a U-boat but struck a mine and her officers feared she was seriously damaged and put back to a British port. There an examination showed the effect of the explosion was negligible and the ship resumed her voyage. The accident occurred on November 5, when the fleet was five days out from port.

Richmond Police Inquire Into Circumstances Surrounding Poisoning of Young Wife

HUSBAND HAD LEFT WILSON THIS MORNING

Three Months Bride of Dr. L. J. Johnson, of Middlesex, N. C., Died in Richmond a Week Ago

(By Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, the young dentist who took poison night before last in Wilson, N. C., after attending the funeral of his bride, Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, who died here last Saturday night, as the result of swallowing what was believed by friends to have been an ordinary medicinal drug, is reported to have left that town before the arrival here today of detectives from Richmond, who are to further investigate the case. Dr. Johnson is reported to have gone to his home in Middlesex, N. C.

Dr. J. M. Whitfield, coroner of Richmond, has requested the police to make the fullest investigation of the circumstances in the taking of poison by both the bride and her husband. The Richmond police were quick to get to work on the case, two officers having visited the home of the dead girl's parents yesterday, but obtained little information, the bride's death having occurred while she was on a visit to the home of Mrs. F. B. Stutz, in this city where the fatal dose was taken.

Reports of Dr. Johnson's engagement to another young woman living in Middlesex and his alleged failure to announce to his friends that he had been married here three months ago, to Miss Alice Knight, 19 years old, who was a stenographer in the Medical College of Virginia, where he was a student, are being investigated today. Dr. Johnson gave out no statement while he was in the Wilson hospital, where he underwent treatment after taking poison, but is reported to have told his dead bride's parents earlier in the week he would return to Richmond later to investigate her death.

Officer Left Richmond Last Night
Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—An investigation of the death here last Saturday of Mrs. Alice Johnson, 19-year-old bride of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, aged 23, who, according to the police, attempted to end his life Tuesday night at Wilson, N. C., resulted in John P. Wiley, a sergeant of detectives being sent to Wilson to learn the circumstances surrounding Johnson's alleged attempt to poison himself. Mrs. Johnson, according to the police, died after taking what she told her friends was an ordinary medicinal drug, which, however, might produce death if taken in sufficient quantity.

Sergeant Wiley will go from Wilson to Middlesex, the home of Johnson, where he will investigate reports reaching the police that Johnson had not announced to his friends his marriage three months ago, and also reports of his engagement to a young woman there.

Engaged to Another Girl
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—An investigation made in the hotel room at Wilson, near here, where Dr. L. J. Johnson is alleged to have tried to end his life following the death in Richmond of his bride of three months, revealed, according to reports received here, letters purporting to have been written by the young dentist. In one the writer said his troubles were more than he could bear, and one addressed to a young woman of Middlesex, to whom, according to Richmond police, Dr. Johnson had been engaged. One of the letters told of the writer having "ruined himself" trying to protect the character of another person.

"NO OFFENSIVE" PEACE

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in addressing the Council of Soldiers and Workmen, said if the German Emperor offered "offensive" peace terms the Russians would fight against it. "We did not overthrow Czarism to kneel before the Kaiser," he cried.

Continuing he said, "But if through our exhaustion we had to accept the Kaiser's terms, we would do so to rise with the German people against German militarism."

MORE MONEY WANTED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 22.—Almost \$50,000,000 in further appropriations to complete war preparations during the present fiscal year, has been asked in deficiency estimates submitted to Congress since the holiday recess began last Tuesday. The Navy alone has asked for more than \$45,000,000 of this and the largest single item is \$15,458,500 for naval ordnance and ordnance stores.