

## Britain Not To Protest

### Will Not Recognize German Plea Nor Interfere With French Advance Into Ruhr

London, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The British government will give no recognition to the German protest against the French advance into the Ruhr which Berlin has addressed to the Allies. And in no way will the protest affect British action or policy, it was stated authoritatively today.

## Firing Squad Is Ready For Action

Tonight at 7:30 Elizabeth City folks will have an opportunity to see what would happen if this country were at war and an enemy airplane were to approach an Atlantic port. Promptly at 7:30 the big anti-aircraft searchlight which for the last two days has been on exhibit here will begin to play upon the Pasquotank River, seeking to locate the imaginary enemy plane as soon as it comes within range.

As soon as he is spotted and while he is blinded by the intense light, the Browning anti-aircraft machine gun, will be trained on him and a stream of lead will be directed at him which should riddle his body and wreck his plane. The gun will actually be fired with every fourth bullet a tracer. The effect will be that of a series of miniature sky rockets, following each other at the rate of 125 to the minute.

At the invitation of Superintendent S. L. Sheep of the city schools a demonstration of the searchlight and machine guns was given for the benefit of the students at the High school grounds at 3:30 this afternoon.

The demonstration on the court house green Thursday night was attended by even a larger gathering than on Wednesday night, and it is believed that record crowds will attend the demonstration on the water front tonight and on the court house green Saturday night, when a large number of rubber balloons will be released. Members of the detachment have visited Hertford, Weicksville, and other places in the vicinity advertising these demonstrations and a large number of out-of-town people are expected.

The big unit will go into action so as to illuminate the entire harbor promptly at seven thirty, and will search the sky for any unexpected airplanes which may be flying over the city. Immediately following this demonstration the Browning anti-aircraft machine gun will fire into the air at an angle of forty-five degrees. Every fourth bullet is a tracer and its path through the air will be clearly visible. The effect will be that of a series of miniature sky rockets, following each in rapid succession.

## Crissinger Heads Federal Reserve

Washington, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The President today nominated Comptroller of Currency D. R. Crissinger to be governor of the Federal Reserve Board, James C. McNary of New Mexico to succeed Crissinger, and Milo D. Campbell of Michigan to be the dirt farmer Reserve Board member.

## BRIDES TO BE ADMITTED

New York, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—German brides of Rhineland doughboys will be admitted to the United States as Germans under the immigration law not yet exhausted.

## KITCHEN OUT OF DANGER

Scotland Neck, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Congressman Kitchen is pronounced out of danger today.

## WHL Meet Tonight

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies of Calvary Baptist Church will meet at Mrs. Ben Hughes' on Southern Avenue tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

## WOMAN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED

### Unusually Fine Gathering of Women at Thursday's Meeting When Mrs. Cotten Speaks

Following an address by Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotten at Thursday afternoon's meeting of women at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the Elizabeth City Woman's Club was organized, with the following officers:

Miss Lillie Grandy, president; Mrs. Beasie Stewart, first vice-president; Mrs. Ethel Lamb, second vice-president; Mrs. George Williamson, recording secretary; Miss Margaret Hollowell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Albert Worth, treasurer.

The following chairmen of departments were named: Mrs. L. C. Blades, ways and means; Miss Marie Albertson, home economics; Mrs. I. M. Meekins, music; Mrs. R. B. Cotten, social service; Mrs. A. B. Houtz, education; Mrs. C. H. Robinson, library; Mrs. G. R. Little, civics and citizenship; Miss Eloise Robinson, health.

The following chairmen of standing committees were appointed: Mrs. L. E. Skinner, membership; Mrs. Winfield Worth, publicity.

The meeting was called by Mrs. James G. Fearing, federation president of this district.

While the nominating committee was out of the room a vocal duet was rendered by Mrs. J. W. Foreman and Mrs. Thorburn Bennett. Refreshments were served by members of the Young Woman's Club. The rooms had been attractively decorated by a committee appointed by Mrs. J. G. Fearing.

The rooms were filled to overflowing with women from every section of the city and they heard Mrs. Cotten with rapt attention, as she told of the early days of women's organizations, and the growth and development of the woman's club and the federation of clubs.

"We can take anything except a card club or an embroidery club and develop it into a woman's club," she said. "Many of the clubs began as book clubs and widened their activities, wishing to do something more useful than merely to read. Our library at Greenville began in this way, and now we have a real library, except the building, and are preparing to erect that."

"A woman's club must have some unselfish aim, some service it wishes to perform for its community. Each club works out its own salvation according to the need of its community."

"I hope that you will not forget the citizenship phase of a club's activity. We need to train for citizenship. I do not mean to hold office, but to vote intelligently. It is at our primaries that we need the least desirable office holders, or ought to do it. It is then that we need to be wide awake. We want to vote for good men, not merely for prominent men."

"There is a loan fund which educates young girls." The federation may ask you to contribute to this, but you do not have to. We are very proud of a girl we are helping through college now. When she has finished her course she has a position waiting her with the Westinghouse Company, for she has turned out to be quite a genius in matters electrical, having invented a number of electrical appliances. We have helped other splendid girls who might not otherwise have had an education.

"During the war, we reached the women of the counties through the woman's clubs. We could send the word to the club leaders to organize the other women for the various campaigns. In counties like this where you had not organization we were sometimes at a loss to know how to get in touch with your women."

"You will find that the club women have led in these campaigns and in all public work. They are organized for service. They are organized in a business like way."

The next meeting will be held next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, and soon it is believed that the work of the various departments will have begun in earnest.

"We ask the co-operation and the sympathy of the entire community in our undertaking," says the President of the club. "It is a new movement here, and we will not attempt or expect to do anything at once. We will have to travel slowly, but we shall travel hopefully and not get discouraged."

In such fine spirit has the Elizabeth City Woman's Club been launched, and from time to time The Advance will tell of its labors and progress.

## J. BRYAN GRIMES DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Raleigh, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, died of pneumonia here last night.

Joint resolutions to the memory of Mr. Grimes passed both branches of Legislature today and adjournment was taken until Monday night. The body will lie in state under the Capitol dome until tomorrow.

Raleigh, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Adjournment of the North Carolina Legislature was taken shortly after the opening session today out of respect to the late J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state since 1900, who died last night after a two weeks illness. Prior to adjournment several committee reports were received including a favorable one on the Mendenhall bill for investigation of the railroad movement of intrastate freight and to provide for expediting less than carload shipments.

## Vansciver Back On Regular Schedule

The North River Line steamer Vansciver, the largest vessel plying regularly on the Pasquotank River and the Albemarle Sound, came off the ways of the Elizabeth City Iron Works and Supply Company Friday and resumed her regular schedule between Elizabeth City and points in Lower Currituck.

This is welcome news to the public generally and to Elizabeth City business interests in particular. The Vansciver is the most popular steamer operating on regular schedule out of Elizabeth City and the loss of this big boat at any time is seriously felt. But to have no Vansciver for more than six weeks during the busiest shopping season of the year and that, too, just when the Pasquotank River State Bridge road had been closed was a threefold calamity.

C. H. Brock, purchasing agent of the line, in making the announcement Friday was jubilant over the prospect of getting the Vansciver back in commission. In addition to the inconvenience to the travelling public and besides the loss to Elizabeth City merchants by reason of trade deflected to another city, the North River Line itself was a heavy loser by the Vansciver's enforced idleness.

## Mrs. Stewart Meets Overseas Friends

Mrs. Bessie Stewart, former Y. M. C. A. Secretary overseas, continued her war time reputation as a friend of the soldier by arranging a party for the Fortress Monroe detachment Thursday evening and in so doing discovered three world war veterans who remembered her activities in France and obtained coffee and hot cakes at her hut. One of the men, Corporal George B. Jackson, was recognized by Mrs. Stewart as a member of the First Division at Beaumont. Private Walter J. Stubbs and Corporal Homer G. Wombeck also recalled visiting Mrs. Stewart's hut while overseas.

The party was arranged by Mrs. Stewart in co-operation with the Young Woman's Club and was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, following the anti-aircraft demonstration Thursday evening. A number of overseas songs with Mrs. W. P. Duff and Miss Rodney at the piano were a feature of the evening. Dancing was also enjoyed and during the evening a number of local people paid their respects to the officers and men of the detachment, the guests numbering about fifty.

## CONFESSES TO CRIME

Winston-Salem, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—W. E. Chatmon here has confessed to arson and has charged C. M. Sawyer with instigating the crime.

## LAND LIQUOR ON COAST

New York, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—A fleet of 16 rum runners of the coast defied the prohibition navy and landed liquor along New Jersey through the night.

## DEMPEY RECEIVES OFFER

New York, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Dempey has received an offer of \$250,000 for a bout with Joe Beckett in London.

ATTENTION, DAD AND THE BOYS  
Big reductions on Men's and Boys' Wear at T. T. Turner & Co. adv

## MERCHANTS HAVE GENUINE FEAST

### Retiring President Gallop Is Presented Handsome Gift in Appreciation of Services.

"May you shed your troubles in 1923 as this umbrella sheds the showers."

It is M. Leigh Sheep speaking, ladies and gentlemen, and he is handing over to the retiring president of the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association, M. P. Gallop, a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow merchants and of their appreciation of his services to the association during his term of office.

"I wish I could make a speech," responded Mr. Gallop. "I wish that I could stand here and tell you what is in my heart without having my wind cut off." Notwithstanding his protestations that he was no speaker, however, Mr. Gallop speedily got his bearings and expressed his appreciation of the gift most handsomely.

The occasion of all this was the third annual dinner of the Merchants' Association which passed into history Thursday evening at the Southern Hotel when the merchants enjoyed two hours of fellowship and a typical Tom Nelson feast.

Among the speakers were Marshall H. Jones, Oliver F. Gilbert, W. H. Weatherly, Sr., Rev. H. E. Myers, E. F. Spencer, W. O. Saunders, Ralph Pool and Herbert Peele. A new member, C. W. Henderson, manager of the Standard Pharmacy, was also introduced to the association. More than any single feature on the program the singing of the Savings Bank Quartet, composed of H. G. Kramer, Whit Woodley, Roy Slimmons and Evans Blades added to the evening's enjoyment.

"The Outlook for 1923" was the topic of Marshall H. Jones, cashier of the First & Citizens National Bank, who pointed out that for several years past each opening year has been marked by a hope of a change for the better, whereas this year there is evidence that such a change is already here. In his opinion 1923 gives promise of being a good year for Elizabeth City merchants, though prosperity in this immediate section is always contingent on the farmer's receiving a fair price for his crops.

"Co-operation" was Oliver Gilbert's subject, and he stressed the idea of co-operation not only in the actual work of the association but as between the individual members in the matter of kindly counsel and advice. "You are attending this banquet to co-operate with the association in its work," he said. "I am on my feet for the same purpose. We should co-operate toward better roads, better schools, better farming methods,—for after all it is the farmer who produces the most of our wealth,—and the matter of necessary or desirable legislation. But that is not all. We don't get together often enough. I want you to come to my store and I want to visit yours and see if we cannot learn something from the mutual interchange of ideas and observations. Why shouldn't we? Particularly why shouldn't we older and bigger merchants help the little fellow just getting off to a start by counsel, suggestion and advice?"

Opposition to the Governor's State shipping scheme and the argument that freight rates in Elizabeth City, though kept down to some extent by water competition, are still too high were put forward by W. H. Weatherly in his talk on the freight situation in Elizabeth City.

Rev. H. E. Myers, who on a number of occasions has referred to himself as a dealer in dry goods, and who, his members think, has a bigger stock of pearls than both of Elizabeth City's jewelry stores, professed himself "sold out" of both commodities, but if so he carried a generous line of samples of the latter commodity, for his speech was the gem of the evening.

He stressed the change for the better in the ideals of business, pointing out that the idea of service instead of mere money getting is coming more and more to dominate all lines of business and industry and that the modern merchant wants to make his store a shop by the side of the road to be a friend to men, not trying to see what it can palm off on the public but how good it can make the values that it offers.

Ed Spencer, new president of the association, named his committees and made an earnest plea for the co-operation talked about earlier in the evening by Mr. Gilbert. The success of the association, he said, depended on this co-operation and not on anything that he himself could do as president.

## French And Germans May Engage Common Enemy

### Strange Spectacle Of French And German Soldiers Fighting Side By Side On Frozen Shores Of Baltic May Be Outcome Of Lithuanian Advance On Memel

London, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The curious spectacle of French and Germans fighting a common enemy on the frozen shores of the Baltic is expected from Lithuanian advance on Memel. The police, composed mostly of Germans and French troops, are entrenched on the outskirts of the city and will resist the raiders, advices here stated. The British government has joined the French in protesting to Lithuania against the advance.

## Warships To Memel

Paris, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The French and British governments are preparing to send warships to Memel, internationalized by the Versailles treaty, for the purpose of maintaining order in view of the Lithuanian invasion.

Foreign dispatches say that Lithuanian irregulars have exchanged shots with German guards.

Copenhagen, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Memel says that international territory is proclaimed in a state of siege by the Inter-Allied High Commission.

## Mer Rouge Mayor Tells About Klan

Bastrop, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Robert L. Dane, of Mer Rouge, today named Dr. B. M. McKoin, Captain J. K. Skipwith, Kelly Harp and Ed Ivy as members of the Ku Klux Klan band which held up and disarmed Watt Daniel, W. S. Andrews and Harry Neelie several months prior to the kidnapping and murder of Daniel and Thomas F. Richard last August. He testified in the open court investigation of masked band depredations that on one raid in which he participated he wore a black mask but declared all others in the party wore white hoods.

## TWO FORD CARS COLLIDE IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE

A Ford coupe driven by Miss Dora Blanchard and a Ford roadster driven by Mercer Bailey collided on Main street in front of the post office Thursday afternoon about four-thirty. Occupants in neither of the cars were hurt. Mercer was backing his car just after coming from the post office and Miss Blanchard was driving east on the right hand side of the street, the front right wheel of the coupe striking the rear wheel of the roadster. The right hand fender and axle were bent on the coupe and the left rear axle and the spokes of the left rear wheel were broken on the roadster. The damage to both cars was approximately twenty-five dollars each, according to mechanics who were called to repair the cars.

## SUICIDE OF RECTOR REMAINS A MYSTERY

New York, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The motive for the apparent suicide of Rev. Percy Gordon, former assistant rector of Saint Bartholomews Episcopal Church, whose body was found yesterday in Hotel Wolcott bath tub, remained undiscovered today. A bullet in his right temple and a revolver with an empty chamber lay beneath his right hand. He was sixty years of age and had been separated from his wife for several years.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Opening New York Futures  
Cotton: Jan., 27.30; March, 27.37; May, 27.50; July, 27.25; Oct., 25.58.  
New York, Jan. 12.—Spot cotton closed steady. Middling 27.45. Futures, closing bid, January 27.13, March 27.39, May 27.55, July 27.26, October 25.55.

## Rum Fleet Doing Business As Usual

Highlands, N. J., Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The great rum fleet of twenty-two vessels which bobbed up while the dry naval squadron was being reorganized is still standing off Ambrose Channel Lightship ready for business as usual.

While prohibition forces were taking to New York four small boats captured last night, while attempting to land liquor, the rest of the fleet of fifty motor ships were racing back and forth between rum carriers and the shore.

## Jury Split Verdict On 50-50 Basis

A fifty-fifty verdict was that brought in at the close of the morning session of Superior Court Friday when in the case of G. W. Twiddy vs. J. M. Wilson both plaintiff and defendant were awarded damage in the amount of \$50 each.

The case grew out of a difficulty between Mr. Wilson, prominent Salem township farmer, and Police Officer Twiddy following the former's arrest and conviction for violation of an anti-parking ordinance.

Following the difficulty both Wilson and Twiddy were arrested charged with engaging in an affray. A jury found Twiddy not guilty, whereupon Twiddy brought suit against Wilson for damages.

## Organ Recital Is Greatly Enjoyed

Professor Paul John Weaver of the Department of Music in the University of North Carolina placed the music-loving public of Elizabeth City under great obligation to him by his splendid organ recital at the First Methodist Church Thursday evening. Professor Weaver offered a high-class program which under the hand of a less capable artist might have seemed heavy, but under his skillful hand gave great pleasure to the large audience which greeted him. The public is also indebted to U. G. Davis, the organist of the church, under whose superintendence these mid-week recitals are given.

Professor Weaver came to Elizabeth City through the courtesy of the Extension Department of the University, a movement which seeks to give to every community in the State the benefit of the information and skill of the members of the faculty of that institution. Elizabeth City will be more than delighted if at some future time Professor Weaver should come our way again.

## Rev. B. L. Rhodes Resigns

Hertford, Jan. 11.—At the last quarterly conference in the Hertford Baptist Church, Rev. B. L. Rhodes who has been a most efficient and popular pastor during the past three years offered his resignation to take effect February 1st, at which time he will become pastor of the Baptist Church at Berkley, Va. Mr. Rhodes is a service man of the World war and is one of the most loved pastors that Hertford has claimed in many years. He has endeared himself all the more to Hertford people by reason of the charming personality and excellent Christian work of his good wife since he came to Hertford. The loss of the fine Christian influence of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will be keenly felt by Hertford people in general and the Baptist Church in particular.

## ON BASKETBALL TRIP

Hertford, Jan. 11.—The High School Girls' Basketball team accompanied by Walter Onkey, Jr., coach, left on the noon train today for Washington and Belhaven, for games this evening and tomorrow evening. They will return home Saturday. Those who went are Dorothy White, Mary Elliott, Eugenia and Elizabeth Dozier, Artemesia and Margaret Towe, Elizabeth Chappell, and Louise Vick.