

## Merry Christmas

### Big French Airship In Distress And Is Drifting Out To Sea

**Dirigible "Dixmude," With Crew  
of 50 Aboard, Out of Control;  
French Warships Rusing to  
Her Aid.**

Paris, Dec. 23.—The great French dirigible, Dixmude, with 50 officers and men on board was drifting helplessly today in a violent gale over the Gulf of Gabes on the north coast of Africa.  
French warships are said to be proceeding at full speed toward the Gulf to render aid if possible.  
The last direct news received from the airship was that it was headed over the Gulf of Gabes, and requested aid. The Ministry of Marine later received confirmation of the distress of the airship from land stations, over which the dirigible had been seen drifting steadily eastward. Some of the stations reported that the Dixmude apparently was badly damaged.  
The Ministry of Marine hopes that the warships, sent out by it will be able to pick up lines dropped from the dirigible, and tow it into port, where the fuel supply can be replenished.



Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, is being mentioned prominently for the chairmanship of the important Interstate Commerce Committee. He is the ranking Democratic member of the committee.

### Convict Married in Jail at Atlanta

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—A convict, who arrived at the federal penitentiary in Atlanta today, to remain there a year and a day, was married in prison here yesterday.  
The prisoner is James Woods, arrested in Alexandria, La., November 7, for defrauding the United States government. His bride was Miss Dorothy Ames, 21 years old, of Lincoln, Neb., sweetheart of the prisoner in the days when he was a free man.

### SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON HI'WAY EARLY LAST NIGHT

**Three Young Ladies in Coupe  
Collide With a Buick  
Automobile**

A very serious, and, possibly, to one of the participants, fatal, accident happened on the Goldsboro-Kinston highway last night at about 5:15 o'clock. It was reported that one of the cars was going at a very high rate of speed, and while trying to pass another car, connected in a head on collision with a Ford coupe, driven by Miss Ruth Whitley, with whom was Misses Iva Williams and Missouri Smith.  
Miss Whitley suffered a broken collar bone, and a broken arm, while the other two young ladies suffered other slight injuries. It is believed, and will be able to leave the hospital today.  
Mr. Frank Best, it was reported, was suffering from a fractured skull, and it was impossible to learn at a late hour last night whether or not he might be fatally injured, but it was reported that he was in a very serious condition.  
The other two men in the car with Mr. Best were only slightly injured from the best information that could be received.  
As is usually the case in things of this kind, there were many conflicting reports of just how the accident happened, but the most plausible explanation was that the three men, driving a Buick car at a high rate of speed, were trying to pass another car, and in doing so met, head-on with the Ford coupe driven by Miss Whitley. Mr. Ben Leggett, according to reports was driving the Buick.

News from Paris. Cops want their pay raised. Just being a cop in Paris should be enough pay.

### GOLDSBORO BOY A FULL FLEDGED BIG GAME HUNTER

**After Shooting a Deer He  
Takes the Advice of His  
Friends and Attempts to Hold  
it Down While It Kicks.**

Messrs. Chas. Crech and John Norwood have just returned from South Carolina, where they have been for the past week, hunting for big game.  
In addition to the killing of a buck deer, which was killed by Chas. Crech, they killed about fifty duck.  
According to the old, old custom, when a man kills his first deer, his companions mark him with the kill, which was done on this occasion to Mr. Crech. In fact, he was marked with the blood of the kill, said his companion, until it was practically impossible to tell whether he was human or animal. He was thoroughly saturated even to the point of staining his shirt with it, and it took him hours to extricate himself from the effects of his success.  
Notwithstanding the fact that he had to submit himself to the age old custom, he is mighty proud of himself, and will no doubt be rather hard to get along with for a time.  
He will have so many stories to tell about killing the deer that it would be useless to tell the one we heard about it, for it no doubt will not coincide with the many that he will tell. But we would like to venture the advice that it is not considered good form for the hunter to try to hold the deer, after it has been shot, until it dies. It is rather a better plan to let it hold itself.

### TEXAS CENTRAL TRAIN WRECKED

**Goes Over 15-foot Embankment;  
Two Injured.**

Waco, Texas, Dec. 23.—Houston and Texas Central passenger train No. 15, northbound, struck a broken rail late today one mile south of Groesbeck, while going about 30 miles an hour, the engine and nine coaches rolling down a fifteen foot embankment. Two persons were injured, neither seriously.

Every government has its good points. In Moscow, they are putting all the gamblers in jail.

### CHRISTMAS SERMON AT BAPTIST CHURCH LAST SUNDAY

**Rev. Zeno Wall Preached to His  
Congregation at the First  
Baptist Church on the Subject  
"The First Christmas Day."**

**The First Christmas**  
(Luke 2:7)  
"And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."  
The advent of Jesus into the world is, to many minds, the most pathetic thing in history; and yet His coming into the world, just as He did—without noise and without show—reveals both the character and method of God. All through the ages God has worked continuously, quietly, silently and unostentatiously. "Verily," said Isaiah, "thou art a God that hidest thyself."—thou art a God who gets back of both men and institutions and says and does things through them without their knowledge of it. God slipped into the life of Cyrus—"girded him" and greatly used him, though he knew it not. Jesus taught this great truth to His disciples when he said: "Take heed that you do not your righteousness before men; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 6:1. How in keeping, therefore, with the character and practices of God the birth of His only begotten son was! Being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself," by taking unto himself the flesh of man and walking among us." Phil. 2:6-8. Rich robes may mean recognition in royal circles, but simple ones mean quick and effective recognition in needy circles; and the clothes we wear bespeak the character of our Christianity, and our conception of it. Our clothes, dear friends, often speak our work, and close the wheels of Christian progress. If our Lord had come to us in the glittering robes of the glory land, He never could have drawn him up to us, hence He "emptied himself." And it is this emptying that we are thinking about today.  
One day Caesar Augustus issued a decree that "all the world should be taxed," and this decree was sent into every section of his kingdom. One day a breathless runner came into the home of Joseph and Mary, who were living way up at Nazareth, and read the king's decree, and hurried on. I can all but hear them talking after the messenger had gone, Joseph saying: "Mary, you know that I will be compelled to obey the decree of Caesar. We have no animal upon which you can ride, and the distance of seventy miles is too great for you. The only thing I see for you to do is to stay here until I go and register and return." For several seconds there was silence, which was broken when Mary began to speak: "Yes, Joseph, it's a long way down to Bethlehem, and I know I am in no condition to walk, neither am I in any condition to stay here alone." This was decided upon, and, after a few hours' preparation, they were off on foot for Bethlehem. They would walk until Mary would "give out" and then they would stop and rest, and eat, and in due time they would start on their journey again—and on and on they trudged until late one evening they came within sight of the village to which they were going. Mary stopped, and sat down, and said: "Joseph, I do not believe I can go another step further tonight. I'm so tired and sick." Joseph waited, went for fresh water, gave her food, and then said: "Mary, be brave. We will soon be there," and she was brave. After more effort, they reached the outskirts of the village. And oh, what a crowd. The streets were jammed and every home and inn crowded to overflowing. Joseph sought everywhere for a place to stay.

### Goldsboro Loses Junior Orphanage

**Joseph O. Tunison wired to  
Mr. U. M. Gilliken yesterday  
that the Junior Orphanage  
Committee had awarded the orphanage  
to Lexington, N. C.**

The Eastern Carolina Exposition committee started things moving Friday afternoon in Kinston, at its first meeting since the Directors awarded the Exposition to Kinston for the 1924 show. From the interest manifested at the very first meeting, the committee doesn't intend to let anything go undone to make the big occasion a history maker for this section. Many matters were put in shape so that the Secretary-Manager, N. G. Bartlett, can go ahead with making definite plans for holding the Spring Festival. The dates as have already been announced through the press are April 7th to 12th inclusive.  
**Handsome Hand Book and Programme to be Issued**  
The committee agreed to issue a handsomely gotten up hand book and programme, which will be gotten out at least one month before the Exposition opens. The purpose of this publication will be to act as the forerunner as an advertiser of the real Exposition. 5,000 copies will be issued and mailed to the four corners of the earth. Last year this book went to practically all of the manufacturers in the East as well as in our own state. This, within itself will be no small feature.  
**Elaborate Program Being Arranged**  
A tentative program was agreed on which is as follows: Monday, April 7th, will witness the opening of the big occasion with a parade, open to anybody or any organization. This will be followed by the formal opening at the warehouse with suitable exercises for the occasion; this will be followed at night with some outstanding musical star who will be secured for the occasion. Tuesday will be either Kiwanis Day or Rotary Day. This day will be featured with a parade composed of the clubs from these various towns in Eastern Carolina, which will be followed at night by a "Home Talent Entertainment," composed of the very best talent that can be had from these clubs. This looks now as if it will be one of the real big drawing cards of the whole Exposition. Wednesday will be the other Club Day, either Rotary or Kiwanis which ever one is not in on the first day. The same kind of a programme will be carried out, except that the nature of the night show composed of home talent from the various clubs will be of a different nature from the first night.  
Thursday will be the headliner of the occasion; Queen's Day. This day last year proved to be the outstanding drawing card of the week, and even Billy Sunday didn't outshine nor out-draw the beautiful damsels of Eastern North Carolina. There were 17 out of town queens last year. The committee hopes to have at least 30 out of town queens this time. The local queens, of course, will be there with the necessary goods. Thursday (Continued on page two).

### STATE FAIR GROUNDS TO BE USED AS YEAR ROUND EXPOSITION SITE

**Approval of the Proposition to  
Have State Fair Grounds as  
All Year Exposition Under  
State Department of Agriculture  
Planned.**

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Approval of the proposition to have the State Fair grounds conducted as an all year proposition under the State Department of Agriculture and State College was expressed at a meeting of the executive committee of the North here today. A committee was appointed to go further into the matter. Consideration was also given to a plan to have an exposition building for North Carolina products constructed at the State Fair Grounds, and for the agricultural society to hold a Fair there once a year with the cooperation of the Agricultural Department and the State College.  
The executive committee selected for the ensuing year is as follows: Mrs. Edith Van derbilt, ex. officio, chairman; Dr. E. C. Brooks, Raleigh; Judge Walter A. Clark, Raleigh; W. N. Evered, Raleigh; Daniel Allen, Raleigh; Albert Cox, Raleigh; W. M. Saunders, Smithfield; Thomas Raoul, Asheville; Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; H. M. London, secretary of the Committee, M. H. Griffen, Raleigh.

### EASTERN CAROLINA C. OF C. EXPOSITION TO BE HELD KINSTON

**At Their First Meeting Since  
the Directors Awarded  
Exposition for 1924 Show  
Elaborate Plans Were Outlined  
for Making it the Biggest  
Accession Ever Staged in Eastern  
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### MURDERER OF GREENSBORO MAN FOUND GUILTY

**Otto Wood Convicted of Murder  
of A. W. Kaplan; to be  
Sentenced Monday.**



Rev. Lee W. Heaton of Kert Worth, Tex., now in New York City, will be tried for bribery before the House of Bishops. Other clergymen have rallied to his support.

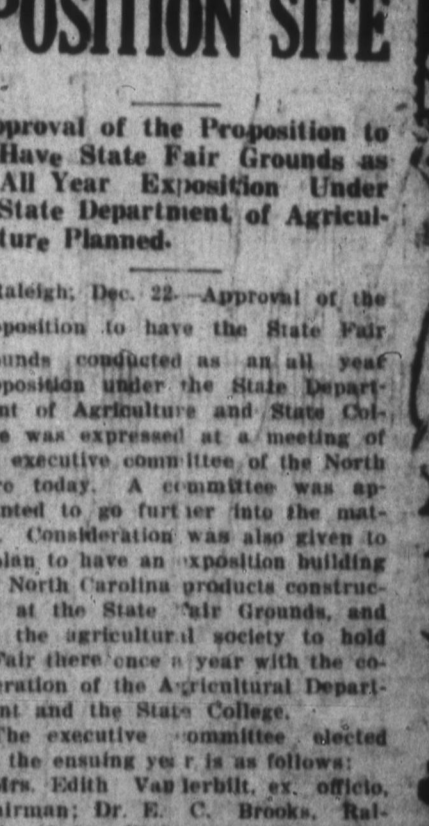
Greensboro, Dec. 23.—Otto Wood today was declared guilty of murder in the second degree by a superior court jury. The case was presented to the jury late last night, and after a short discussion, deliberation was postponed until today. Judge T. J. Shaw announced that the sentence will be passed on Monday.  
In rendering the verdict, the jury recommended that the maximum sentence be imposed—30 years in the state prison is the maximum sentence for second degree murder in North Carolina.  
Wood was tried for killing A. W. Kaplan, who died of injuries received when he was attacked in his shop here the morning of November 2. Wood escaped in a car stolen the night before the assault from Lexington, N. C., and was arrested in West Virginia, several weeks later.

### CHICAGO SWINDLER STILL AT LARGE

**Promoter of "Panama Bubble"  
Remains at Liberty; No Tan-  
ble Clues to Whereabouts.**

Chicago, Dec. 23.—All clues unearthed since the disappearance of Leo Koretz, Panama oil bubble promoter, alleged to have swindled friends and relatives of upwards of \$5,000,000, have all led up blind alleys, and state authorities announced today they now have nothing tangible to work on.  
While various theories have been held as to Koretz's whereabouts since a day before a report came back declaring the rich oil lands and other properties of the Bayano Company in Panama were myths, no tangible clue has been found to aid authorities in their search for the missing man.  
Christmas is the time of peace on earth. This, however, is one thing not made in Germany.

### Storm-Center



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### ALIENS JAILED AT CEDAR KEYS, FLA.

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 23.—Twenty-one aliens smuggled into this country at Cedar Keys on the west coast were in jail today awaiting disposition by federal authorities. They said they embarked from Havana, recently after paying \$200 each for safe conduct into the United States.

### MRS. TAYLOR ACQUITTED

Waterloo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Nettie Case Taylor, was acquitted of the murder of her husband, Frank Taylor, by a jury at 1:20 o'clock this morning. The dramatic climax of the sensational five day trial came a few hours after she confessed that she crushed her husband's skull with an axe on July 14 last, and made a plea of self defense.

### SAM SHOER "STEPS ON GAS"

Speed Officer Bring Gun Into Action When High Point Man Ignores the Command to Slow Down.

High Point, Dec. 22.—Driving his car at a high rate of speed in an attempt to escape from Motorcycle Policeman Edgar Daniels, Sam Shoer, of High Point, and formerly of Statesville, struck the car of W. J. Jones, as the two cars were mounting the hill north of Barium Springs, shortly after dusk Friday evening, forcing the Jones car into an embankment. One wheel was crumpled; Shoer did not stop. Mr. Jones, who lives in Greensboro, is shortly to be married to Miss Edith Benadum, of the Barium Springs faculty. Shoer struck the Jones car to avoid a collision with a car coming from the opposite direction.  
Shoer's car went as far as Oost-walt before all the gas escaped from the tank through the hole made by the policeman's bullet when he refused to stop upon the second challenge on the Boulevard. The curtains were up, and from the suspicious demeanor of the driver, Daniels suspected him of being a liquor runner. He failed to recognize Shoer until he got out of the car at Oost-walt. Search revealed no liquor in the car, and he was not arrested. Daniels gave Shoer's address to Jones upon his return.