

SEVERAL MARINE DISASTERS REPORTED YESTERDAY

British Steamer Charcas Sunk off Coast of Chili by German Transport. Turkish Cruiser Hamidieh Strikes a Mine. Swedish Steamers Luna and Everilda Strike Floating Mines and Go Down. One of Latter's Crew Saved.

LONDON, Dec. 7. (Central News Cable)—The British steamship, Charcas, which was bound to South American ports, was sunk off the coast of Chili today by the German transport, Prinzteitel Frederich. The crew were saved and were landed near Valpariso.

TWO SWEDISH STEAMERS STRIKE MINES AND SINK

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7—Two Swedish steamers, the Luna and Everilda, struck floating mines today off the coast of Finland in the vicinity of Maentuloté and sunk. The entire crew of the Luna was saved, but only one man from the Everilda was rescued. How many sunk with the latter boat or were killed when the mines exploded, is not known.

WILL MAKE ATTEMPT TO BREAK ALLIES' LINE

LONDON, Dec. 7—Advices from Berlin say that it is generally believed that the Germans are preparing to make a new and violent attempt to break through the Allies' left wing in Flanders. Reinforcements are constantly being moved forward toward Ostend.

OCCUPATION OF LODZ OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

BERLIN, Dec. 7—Reiteration of the announcement that the Germans have occupied Lodz, which was partly destroyed, and further reports of important successes in that region are included in an official war office statement today. The Germans are now moving on toward Warsaw.

GERMANS SEIZE TWO TORPEDO DESTROYERS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7—A Norway dispatch declares that Germany has seized two torpedo boat destroyers which were building for Norway in Germany. The boats will be added to the Kaiser's navy at once.

TURKISH CRUISER HIT MINE IN BLACK SEA

PARIS, Dec. 7—The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, struck a mine in the Black sea today and was badly damaged. She regained the port of Constantinople with great difficulty.

UNDERSTANDING PROBABLE WITH BALKAN COUNTRIES

LONDON, Dec. 7—Progress has been made toward an undertaking in the Balkans which will be satisfactory to the Allies, according to the Telegraph's Athens correspondent who understands that a basis has been reached for an approachment between Serbia and Bulgaria. The British, Russian and French ministers have visited the Greek premier, the correspondent reported, and he said that the Greek newspapers declared that the visits concerned proposals that Greece should assist Serbia.

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS IN

C. D. BRADHAM CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN—T. W. HOLTON TO FILL VACANCY.

Yesterday being the first Monday in the month, the County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting, and the newly elected officers of the county subscribed to the oath of office. C. D. Bradham, was re-elected chairman of the Board, and in accepting the office stated that he was not in favor of paying the chairman a salary of fifty dollars per month unless the other members received the same salary. He also stated that he was in favor of the members of the Board be allowed four dollars per day for such services as they saw fit to render, not to exceed four days in each month. Commissioner M. D. Lane stated that although he never expected to be chairman of the Board, he was in favor of the chairman being paid a salary. He stated that if the chairman was put out on an equal salary with the other members, he would not feel it any more his duty to look after the county's affairs than the other members and they would probably go unattended to. The matter was help open for discussion among the members until the January meeting, when some action will probably be taken to get the Legislature to pass some law in regard to it.

T. W. Holton of Bridgeton, was appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court to fill the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners caused by the death of the late J. W. Biddle. Mr. Holton received the highest number of votes of any defeated candidate in the November elections. The new list of commissioners for the ensuing year are C. D. Bradham, chairman, M. D. Lane, C. D. Heath, J. E. Daugherty and T. W. Holton.

T. D. Warren was unanimously elected County Attorney. F. M. Hahn and H. M. Groves were the only ones to make application for auditor, the latter being unanimously elected.

The jury for a one week term of civil and criminal court, which will convene Monday January the fourth, were drawn. Judge G. W. Conner, of Wilson will preside.

At one thirty o'clock the Board adjourned for dinner and went to the basement of the jail where oysters in various styles were served.

STOCK EXCHANGE OPENS SATURDAY

WILL BE READY FOR RESTRICTED SALE OF STOCK AT THAT TIME.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Board of Governors of the Stock Exchange decided this afternoon that on next Saturday they would re-open the stock exchange for restricted trading in stocks.

Stocks to be traded in will include all those heretofore dealt in on the exchange.

This announcement has caused a great deal of satisfaction among the brokers.

U. S. COURT REFUSES FRANK

DECLINE TO REVIEW HIS CASE—ONE MORE CHANCE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The Supreme Court of the United States today refused to review the case of Leo M. Frank of Atlanta, Ga.

Frank now has one more chance for life and that is the interference of the Governor of Georgia.

The action of the Supreme Court created no surprise here.

NEW BERN ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

Beautiful and Impressive Ceremony Was Conducted Sunday Afternoon.

TWO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR.

Roscoe Turner, Brilliant Young Pasquotank Barrister, Delivered The Address.

In memory of their brothers who have "crossed the river," the New Bern Lodge of Elks No. 764, Sunday afternoon held their annual memorial exercises in their club rooms in the Elks temple. The large auditorium was filled to overflowing and in the auditorium were many ladies. The exercises this year were more impressive than ever before and their quiet solemnity made it beautiful almost beyond description.

Probably the members of no other fraternal organization are bound together in friendship as are the Elks and when the Reaper garners one of them to the Master's fold, although his presence is not seen it is felt and his memory is always held sacred by those who are left behind.

The exercises were opened with the singing of the chorus "Our Brothers Sleep" by a choir composed of Robert Richardson, Eugene McSorley, C. T. Pumphrey, John Tolson, L. C. Tolson, Hubert Hanks, Bayard Whitehurst and Thomas Brogden. Following this, Exalted Ruler Virgil Walker, who had the ceremony in charge, made a few very appropriate remarks which were followed by a prayer by Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church.

At the conclusion of this prayer, John and L. C. Tolson sang in a most impressive manner "Wait Thou on The Lord." This was followed by the lodge ceremonies after which the Elks and the entire audience joined in the opening ode which was rendered to the air of "Auld Lang Syne," after which chaplain E. C. Allison rendered the invocation.

Just preceding the memorial address, which was made by Roscoe Turner, one of Pasquotank county's most brilliant barristers, Eugene McSorley sang "The Vacant Chair." Mr. Turner had never before been heard by a New Bern audience and they were unaware of his gifted oratorical abilities. His address was in the main part extemporaneous, but he had his subject well in hand and in a dignified but magnetic manner, thrilled his hearers. The speaker told of the standards and aspirations of the Elks, praised their good work and explained the significance of the order.

Enumerating the creed of the Elks he inspired them to further carry on their work of charity, their spirit of justice and the ever reigning attribute of brotherly love toward one another and their fidelity to all. By many his address was said to be the best ever made on a similar occasion. It is certain that there have been none who have excelled him.

When the speaker had concluded his address Prof. Prunier, one of the most accomplished violinists in the State, charmed those present with a viola solo, and at the conclusion of the eulogies he accompanied on the violin while Mr. C. T. Pumphrey sang "The Day Is Ended," a tenor solo. This was one of the treats of the afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed.

During the past year two members of the Elks lodge have died. These were Bert Smith and J. W. Biddle. In eulogizing these honored members, William Dunn, Jr., paid them each a beautiful tribute, a tribute which was lasting and will long live in the memory of those who heard it. Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church then made a beautiful prayer, after which the audience joined in singing a beautiful song to the air of "Home Sweet Home" and this was followed by the benediction by Rev. L. B. Padgett, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The music for the occasion was rendered on the large pipe organ by Prof. J. Henri Bourdelais who also accompanied in several of the vocal selections.

Mrs. Patrick Sauls returned home to Oriental yesterday after a visit to relatives in New Bern.

THE ESTIMATE ON NAVAL EXPENSES LARGE

Submitted To Congress Yesterday—The Amount Provides For a Number of Items.

TWO NEW WARSHIPS ARE ON THE LIST.

Submarine Mines, and Fortifications Are To Be Taken Care Of.

Washington, Dec. 7.—American military and naval expenses for the next fiscal year, not including certain fixed expenses, would amount to \$256,421,357, compared with \$251,284,167 during the current year under plans of the administration embodied in estimates submitted to Congress today. The amount provides for the regular army, military academy, the militia so far as its cost to the federal government is concerned, fortifications, arsenals, military posts and the naval establishments, including the proposed naval building program and the increase in the navy heretofore authorized.

The tentative naval building program for the next fiscal year, as indicated in the estimates, is for two battle ships, six torpedo boat destroyers, "eight or more submarines," one oiler and one gun boat, one of the submarines to be of the seagoing type and seven or more to be of the coast defense type. The hulls and outfits of these vessels alone would cost during the coming year almost \$10,000,000 and their arms and armament \$9,125,000.

Democratic Leader Underwood, some of the members of the naval committee and others in Congress, having in mind the European war lessons, favor an increase in submarines rather than in the larger type of naval craft.

Tentative estimates for the naval program are all "on the assumption the new vessels to be authorized at this session will be built by contract."

For purchase of submarine mines and necessary appliances to operate them "for closing the channels leading to our principal seaports and for continuing torpedo experiments" an appropriation of \$191,350 is asked. There is also proposed \$68,000 for maintenance of submarine mine material and for torpedo depot administration, in continental United States.

Congressional approval of the transfer of four 12-inch mortars and their carriages, valued at \$110,000, from fortifications in the United States, to the insular possessions is asked together with an estimate of \$50,000 for purchase of submarine mines for closing channels to insular seaports and \$10,000 for maintenance of submarine material there; \$17,000 for mining casements and torpedo store houses for Philippine defense and several small appropriations for defense of Hawaii.

In the general scheme of fortifications, aggregating almost \$6,000,000 numerous increases are asked. For construction of gun and mortar carriages last year's appropriation is more than double in the estimate of \$85,000 for fortifying Cape Henry, Va., together with \$100,000 to modernize older emplacements. For purchase manufacture and test of ammunition for mountain, field and an increase of \$400,000. Various other items ranging from 100,000 to \$40,000 for seacoast cannon, purchase of ammunition, sub calibre guns, and alteration of three inch batteries to rapid field fire batteries are proposed. For purchase of searchlights for defense of the more important harbors \$150,000 is asked an increase of \$50,000.

For fortifications in the insular possessions \$446,000 is asked, an increase of \$90,000. The Panama Canal fortifications aggregate \$1,942,228, an increase of \$817,703, including \$25,000 for torpedo buildings and \$763,000 for purchase, manufacture and test of ammunition for seacoast and land defense cannon and machinery necessary for its manufacture at the arsenals and for maintenance of seacoast artillery. The Secretary of War also would be given discretionary authority to erect a building for manufacturing projectiles. The estimates also call for an appropriation of \$568,590 for construction of barracks for the mobile army and coast artillery in the canal zone, for which \$700,000 was

SEN. SIMMONS THINKS RADS. ARE AT WORK

Of The Opinion That Standpat Republicans of The Country are Planning To Attack Democrats.

SAYS NEW TARIFF LAW WON'T HAVE FAIR TRIAL.

The Chairman of The Finance Committee Is Not Alone In His Views.

Washington, D. C. December, 7.—Senator F. M. Simmons chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, believes that standpat Republicans of the country are organizing their forces to attack the Democratic Administration at Washington from every angle. He thinks that the tariff is to be the principal object of attack.

Mr Simmons sees in the Roosevelt allegations against the President part of a concerted campaign to try to break down the entire Administration.

"The tariff law will never have a fair trial if the protectionists, who are represented in public life by the standpat Republicans can prevent it," said Senator Simmons.

"The Republicans up to this time have not been able to pierce the armor of President Wilson. They realize that he is immensely popular, in hitherto Republican strongholds and they are at loss to know just how to attack him with hope of success. The attack opened by Ex-President Roosevelt on the Administration because of its Mexican policy may be part of a big conspiracy to make war on the Democrats from all sides.

"There is no doubt that the reelection of Senator Borah, and the return of ex-Speaker Cannon, William A. Rodenberg, William R. McKinley and others of the old Cannon school of Republicans have given the standpat Republicans fresh courage. They think now that the country is with them, and that the Progressives have been eliminated.

"But, what is more serious to me than the getting together of Republican politicians for a united assault upon President Wilson and the Democrats of Congress is the attitude of certain business interests which seem to be praying for the downfall of the new tariff act.

"It is strange indeed, that, with all the demand from abroad for American made goods, certain manufacturers do not appear to seek business in foreign countries. Cotton mills of the United States are waiting for something. Can it be that hope for a tariff wall, and prefer that to foreign business?

"The new success of the men who helped to make the Payne-Aldrich tariff has given hope to the manufacturer who would rather confine his transactions to this country if he has a tariff wall to protect him.

"I do not believe that all the manufacturers of the country are showing the proper spirit, or the aggressiveness they should. Many men who could seize the present opportunity to get business in Latin American and other neutral countries seem to be marking time.

"Therefore, it is very plain, that the Democrats must fight, from this time on the combined forces of a united standpat Republican party and the men who used to furnish them with sinews of war."

Senator Simmons is not alone in his views. Everything points to a most vigorous campaign against the Democrats and the Democrats measures.

"The lack of interest in the opportunity afforded for the shipping people by the European war has caused President Wilson to renew his efforts for the shipping bill before the House Cotton manufacturers in the North and South have not shown much activity.

the appropriation last year, and increase the appropriation of \$50,000 for fire control stations at Panama to \$338,301.

Among plans for fortifications of the insular possessions, as contemplated, are maintenance of seacoast artillery, \$46,000, in addition to \$300,000 for the same purpose on the continent; ammunition for seacoast cannon \$400,000. Land defenses and sea wall construction in Hawaii \$17,000, and small items for fortifications repair work in the Philippines.