

GEN. CARRANZA'S SILENCE CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY

Protocol Has Been in Hands of First Chief for Nearly a Week.

FATE OF GERMAN CONSUL UNKNOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Serious concern was shown at the State Department today over the continued silence of the Carranza government with reference to the protocol which has been in Carranza's hands for nearly a week. The date set for the reconvening of the American-Mexican Commission is December 9. What action will be taken in case no word as to Carranza's having signed the agreement or of his intention to sign it, is received before the reconvening of the commission, could not be predicted today by Counselor Polk of the State Department.

No information of any kind that would indicate the defacto government's attitude toward the protocol has been received at the Department.

The Navy Department is attempting to obtain from Admiral Cuerton, commanding the naval forces off the west coast of Mexico, further information concerning the kidnapping of Arnold Vogel, German Consul at Colima several days ago.

The German Embassy today forwarded to the foreign office at Berlin the State Department notification of the kidnapping of Consul Vogel. Any action on the Vogel case will be taken by Berlin, it is stated at the Embassy.

Reports from the State Department agents on the border stated today that all German subjects and other foreigners in Chihuahua City are safe.

NEGRO SHOOTS WIFE, UNCLE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW

Wholesale Shooting Causes Excitement in Settlement Near Fayetteville.

MAY HAVE BECOME SUDDENLY INSANE

(Special to The New Bernian)
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 6.—A negro by the name of Jones tonight shot his wife, his mother-in-law and an uncle.

Jones lives on the east side of Cape Fear river and so far as could be learned had been a peaceable negro.

No reason for his crime has been learned, and details of the shooting could not be ascertained here late tonight.

The full name of the negro could not be secured from police headquarters, as officers had not returned from the scene of the shooting.

Last reports from the vicinity of the Jones home were to the effect that neither of the persons shot had died, but the report did not state how serious a condition the wounded were in.

This wholesale shooting has created considerable excitement on the east side of the Cape Fear and the public is eager that the would-be murderer is apprehended. Some fear that the negro is probably insane has added to the excitement.

DEPEW IN TROUBLE FOR SCORING DAVID

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Octogenarian ex-Senator Depew's criticism of King David for saying man's life should be "three score and ten" years, in his recently widely quoted speech on how to keep young, got him into all sorts of trouble.

Mr. Depew confided to the Lotos Club at a dinner here.

"Ever since then I have been hounded by the press, the deacons and the clergy on the charge of vilifying the character of David, who had struck me as a saint. The next time I make a reference like that I'll use Nebuchadnezzar or one of the Egyptians."

FIVE MORE CITY EMPLOYEES GET WAGE INCREASE

Messrs. Patterson, Scott, Bain, Williams and Tooker Among Favored Ones.

NO ACTION YET AS TO MR. HODGES' 'PLEA'

The city aldermen at a recess meeting held last night, added to their monthly payroll the sum \$81.66 2-3 by increasing the salaries of employees. With the list of all persons employed by the city have had a very substantial raise in wages during the past few weeks except Mr. H. H. Hodges, superintendent of the water and light plant, and he has asked for more money, but no action is likely to be taken on his request before the first of the year. Then, however, it is very probable the compensation for his services will be enlarged.

The following is a list of those whose salaries were increased last night:
Mr. F. T. Patterson, increased from \$83.33 to \$100.00; Mr. Fred Scott, from \$83.33 to \$100.00; Mr. W. H. Bain, from \$60.00 to \$83.33; Mr. B. F. Williams, from \$90.00 to \$100.00; Mr. H. H. Tooker, from \$85.00 to \$100.00.

An order was made, directing that the names of all employees of the city and the amount of their salaries be published in the papers.

VALUABLE LOTS TO BE SOLD TODAY

Home Sites on National Avenue To Go to The Highest Bidders.

The property known as the Oaks Manufacturing Company's site and situated on Sunny Side and National Avenue, will be sold at public auction this afternoon at two o'clock by Messrs. Willett and Allen, real estate dealers.

This property has been cut up in building lots, and is very desirable property. In addition to the lots, four new bungalows will also go to the highest bidder. Messrs. Willett and Allen state that the property will be sold regardless of the price, and payment may be made on easy terms.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE IS ON AT DURHAM

Bishop Kilgo Presiding Over Eightieth Annual Meeting of Churchmen.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEET

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 6.—Bishop John C. Kilgo called the eightieth session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference to order this morning at 9:30 o'clock in Memorial church, of this city. According to the usual custom the conference opened with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Bishop Kilgo was assisted in this service by the presiding elders. Following the communion service Rev. R. H. Willis, pastor of the church at Oxford, was re-elected secretary of the conference. Mr. Willis has served as secretary for five years. Rev. G. T. Simmons and J. M. Ormond were elected assistant secretaries and Rev. C. J. Harrell, statistical secretary.

This afternoon Rev. George Stuart and Dr. John R. Pepper, of Tennessee, addressed the laymen's meeting, presided over by C. E. Weatherly, conference layman leader. This evening the anniversary of the Sunday School board was held with W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, chairman of the board presiding.

Proceeding the opening of the North Carolina Conference.

Bucharest Has Fallen to Enemy

FRENCH VESSEL HAD NO WARNING, SURVIVORS SAY

American Members of Crew of "John Lambert" Had Narrow Escape.

CRIPPLED STEAMER SHELLED BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—American members of the crew of the former American Lake Steamer, John Lambert, barely escaped with their lives, when a German submarine sank the vessel in the English channel on November 22 without warning, they said, when they arrived here today on the French liner Espagne.

The attack on the Lambert, they declared, came entirely unexpectedly and the submarine continued shelling the crippled vessel while the crew was endeavoring to lower the life boats.

The vessel had been sold by its American owners to the French line and was being delivered to Havre when the attack took place. She flew the French flag according to the crew.

ALDERMEN WILL SEND PROTEST TO GOV. CRAIG

Opposed to Granting Pardon to E. S. Thomas, Guilty of Shocking Crime.

PASS RESOLUTION AT A RECESS MEETING

At a recess meeting of the Board of Aldermen held last night it was unanimously voted to send to Governor Locke Craig resolutions urging him to refuse any commutation or pardon to E. S. Thomas, who was convicted in a Wake county court on a warrant charging him with an assault on a lady while in her berth on a Pullman car. He was sentenced to serve twelve months on the county roads, but now efforts are being made to either get him pardoned or have his sentence commuted.

Thomas was a passenger on the Pullman car and while it was under the shed at the union depot in Raleigh Thomas entered the lady's berth and committed the assault and, it is said, had it not been for the conductor and passengers who went to her aid, the crime would have been of a much more serious nature.

Realizing that the crime was a base insult to society, the councilmen instructed the clerk to forward the following protest to Governor Craig, which bears the seal of the city and the signatures of the Mayor and clerk of the city:

"Whereas, newspapers have published that one E. S. Thomas, lately convicted of an assault upon a female and sentenced to Wake county roads for one year is now seeking a pardon at the hands of the Governor; and whereas, it is generally believed that said Thomas has already escaped the punishment which he deserves, now, therefore, Be it resolved, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern, that his Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina, be and he is hereby respectfully requested and urged to refuse any commutation or pardon to said Thomas; and that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State."

There will be a meeting of the Women's Christian Union tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the lecture rooms of the Presbyterian church. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting and a large attendance is earnestly desired.

Roumanian Capital is Evacuated Without Fight by Defenders in Hope That Army May Escape Clutches of Advancing Teutonic Forces.

KING FERDINAND IN FLIGHT TO THE BORDER

Roumanians Abandoned Hope of Saving Capital. From Invaders When Ploesci Fell—Teutons Giving Chase To The Fleeing Army.

(By International News Service)
Bucharest, capital of Roumania and one of the world's strongest fortresses fell to the Teutons yesterday. There was no siege, not even a regular bombardment. The fortress fell automatically. There could be no question of a defense after the defenders last avenue of escape to the north fell into the invaders' hands, with the capture of Ploesci, 32 miles away.

When this final blow was struck—and probably even before that—there was but one alternative for the shattered Roumanian forces in the region of the capital; to grasp the last straw offered by the Bucharest-Cernavoda railroad, or allow themselves to be "bagged" in an utterly hopeless attempt to stay the fall of Bucharest. Ploesci fell a few hours before the capital itself was taken.

And now the most dramatic and spectacular race of the whole war is on. There appears on all sides, its capital in the invaders' hands, its king and government refugees on the border, prepared to flee to foreign soil, its country's rich resources feeding its pursuers, the Roumanian army is wildly dashing toward the last loop hole. And there, on the opposite banks of the Danube, lurks Mackensen's army ready to cross the river the moment his prospective prey has approached close enough. He may leave this however to the northern armies of General Von Falkenhayn, which are now racing due east from Ploesci, in an almost parallel line with the fleeing Roumanians, to reach the intersection on the Ploesci-Braila railway, which alone held out hope for an eleventh hour rescue of King Ferdinand's army, which thence could reach safety on Russian soil.

FOUR MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY INDICTED

Well Known Lenoir County Men Charged With Retailing Liquor.

KINSTON, N. C., Dec. 6.—Daniel Williams and his three sons, Henry, Durwood and William, were served with warrants late Tuesday and this morning, charging them with retailing whiskey. The men are well-known.

Nearly a score of persons have been and the to be summoned for witnesses. These include regular customers of a store maintained by members of the Williams family in the southern part of the city. The witnesses are of "all walks of life" and including "nearly everything but preachers, and not excluding an exhorter or two," according to the police. The Williamses, who are under bail, will probably be given a hearing Friday.

CONSULT THE WANTS

In getting in touch with business chances possibly there are opportunities today that may be of interest to you; or send a want ad of your own, stating what kind of business appeals to you most, and invite communications from those who have established business, and who wish to sell or increase their scope by taking in partners who are prepared to make an investment.
Phone 778—The Want Ad Man Will Call.

LOYD GEORGE IS NOW BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Empire's Strongest Man Accepts Task of Shaping New Government.

DEALT KNOCK-OUT BLOW TO ACQUITH

LONDON, Dec. 6.—David Lloyd George today is virtually Prime Minister of England. Having administered the knock out blow to Premier Asquith and the coalition ministry, Lloyd George accepted this afternoon King George's proffer to act as the shaper of a new government. He would "endeavor to undertake the task," he announced.

Thus the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, long looked upon by England's masses as the empire's strongest man, emerged victorious from one of the bitterest fought political combats.

It wouldn't be so bad to be absented if it would only enable us to forget our troubles.

TO FILL IN PART OF DOCK FOOT OF MIDDLE STREET

Aldermen Grant Request of Messrs. Blades and Daniels.

TO EXTEND WHARVES TO THE HARBOR LINES

The Board of Aldermen met in a recess meeting at the city hall last night and received the report of the committee appointed by the Mayor at the regular meeting Tuesday night to investigate the advisability of allowing Middle street to be extended between the Blades concrete building and the market dock. The committee reported favorable and the board voted to give Messrs. Blades and Daniels the privilege of making the extension.

After investigating the matter thoroughly, the committee conferred with Messrs. Blades and Daniels and discussed the matter and made plans and regulations under which the work must be carried out. As conditions are now, boats with very little draught are unable to get more than half way up the slip; after the work which is to be done by these gentlemen is completed, there will be a slip the same width as the present one and will extend to the harbor line, a distance of about 120 feet.

The slip will be filled up to twelve feet beyond the south end of the Blades concrete building, and Messrs. Blades and Daniels are to extend their docks to the harbor lines, which will give a slip equally as long as the present one with eight feet of water at the shallowest place, the old slip was very shallow at the upper end.

The work will be paid for by Messrs. Blades and Daniels, but they will be allowed to deduct the amount of the cost of the work from their taxes.

CONCERT ENTERTAINERS NEXT LYCEUM NUMBFR

The Westminster Concert Entertainers will be the next lyceum number to appear here. They will present an entertaining program consisting of readings, vocal solos and duets, Scotch songs and stories, and will be attired in the conventional Scotch costume.

The members of this company have been coached by Madame Shank, formerly of the H. W. Savage Operatic Course, and the program they render is full of original features.

PRESIDENT TO LOOK INTO HIGH COST OF LIVING

Officials Close to Chief Executive Intimate He Will Ask Congress to Act.

TO AWAIT FINDINGS PROBE COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Information from official sources late today made it appear certain that President Wilson has definitely decided to urge upon Congress an investigation into the high prices of the necessities of life, and seek to supply a remedy.

Following a conference between the President and Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee, it was reliably reported that Mr. Wilson had urged that the program be speeded up as much as possible. This it was stated was in order to allow time for the investigation into the high cost of living, and permit time for legislation on that subject, should the investigation disclose that Congressional action might put an end to high prices.

Meanwhile the activities of the various government agencies connected with the high prices probe continued and officials held out high hopes of an actual disclosure of the real causes for the unprecedented prices and to unearth any conspiracy which may exist.

BASKET SUPPER TO BE GIVEN AT THURMAN

Enjoyable Event to Take Place Friday Evening—Proceeds For School.

Special Correspondence.
THURMAN, Dec. 6.—There will be a basket supper given in the Seventh Township consolidated school at this place on Friday evening at seven o'clock.

The last supper given at this place was very successful and quite a few school supplies were purchased with the proceeds. The school is in need of other supplies and the amount realized from the supper Friday evening will be used for this purpose.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to be present.

DURHAM GIRL IS ASSAULTED IN HER OWN HOME

13-Year-Old Mamie Beaker Is Victim of Stranger, Whose Name is Unknown.

CRIME OF BRUTAL AND HORRIFYING NATURE

DURHAM, Dec. 6.—The police are searching for a young white man, who, it is claimed is guilty of a criminal assault upon Miss Mamie Beaker, thirteen-year-old daughter of a well known Durham citizen. The name of the offender has not been learned. Other than the fact that he was a stranger in the city and claimed to be a representative of the Ladies' Home Journal, little has been learned in regard to the identity of the fugitive. According to reports, the assault was of a most brutal and horrifying nature.

Miss Beaker lives near the corner of Broadway and North streets. Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the stranger called at the Beaker home and found all of the members of the family out except Miss Mamie Beaker. It is said that he began to talk to her in regard to the magazine referred to and then assaulted her. The girl said that she cried out in an effort to obtain help, but no one seems to have heard her outcries.

After the young man left the house Miss Beaker hurried to the home of a relative with news of the affair, and

BRYAN BEGINS FIGHT TO MAKE COUNTRY 'DRY'

Strikes First Blow at Dinner Tendered Him by District Democrats.

SOUNDS A WARNING AGAINST MILITARISM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—William Jennings Bryan, former Premier of President Wilson's cabinet, tonight struck the first blow in his fight to make the country dry. At a dinner tendered him by Democrats of the District of Columbia he warmly advocated prohibition as a Democratic party policy.

"The Democratic party won without the aid of the wet cities," Mr. Bryan pointed out, "and having received the support of nearly all the prohibition States and the States where woman vote, is released from any obligation to the liquor traffic. It is free to take the moral side of this great moral issue, and I have no doubt that it will line up to its opportunity and obligations."

After reviewing the accomplishments of the administration during the first term, Mr. Bryan suggested several lines along which to work to secure more reforms. He also urged strongly against heeding the plea of the railroads to be freed of State control and the entire control be placed in the hands of Congress be disregarded, and sounded a warning against militarism. The United States cannot afford to lose its moral prestige, he declared, for the privilege of terrorizing people with a display of force.

If love levels all things, why should a man expect his wife to look up to him?

UN-ORGANIZED RAILROAD MEN SEEK RELIEF

Ask Congress to Grant Them Similar Hours and Wages as Union Workers.

300,000 WORKERS SIGNED PETITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—A new element was injected into the railroad situation today when Congress was confronted with a demand for legislative relief for the "80 per cent" of the unorganized railroad workers who are not affected by the Adamson eight-hour law. The demand came in the form of a petition to Congress and was presented to the Senate by Chairman Newlands of the joint congressional committee investigating general railroad conditions. He stated that 300,000 men signed the petition.

The unorganized railroad men demanded a complete investigation of the wages of all classes of railroad employees; legislative action to fix the hours of labor of all railroad employees, and an anti-strike law suspending strikes on all inter-state roads pending investigation of the differences between the employers and the employees.

MARINE NEWS

The two mast schooner Oregon, of Sea Level, yesterday brought in two hundred barrels of oysters. The vessel will return to Sea Level this morning.

The fishing schooner Elijah, of Sea Level, arrived yesterday with a nice lot of oysters.

The freight boat Three-Samuels arrived here yesterday from Arapahoe with a cargo of produce. She will return today.

subsequently it was reported to the police. However, it is believed that the stranger has left the city. Although few people here knew of the occurrence last night feeling was running high among those who had learned of the unfortunate occurrence. The girl's father is in Petersburg, Va., and will probably return to the city shortly.