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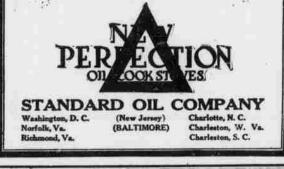
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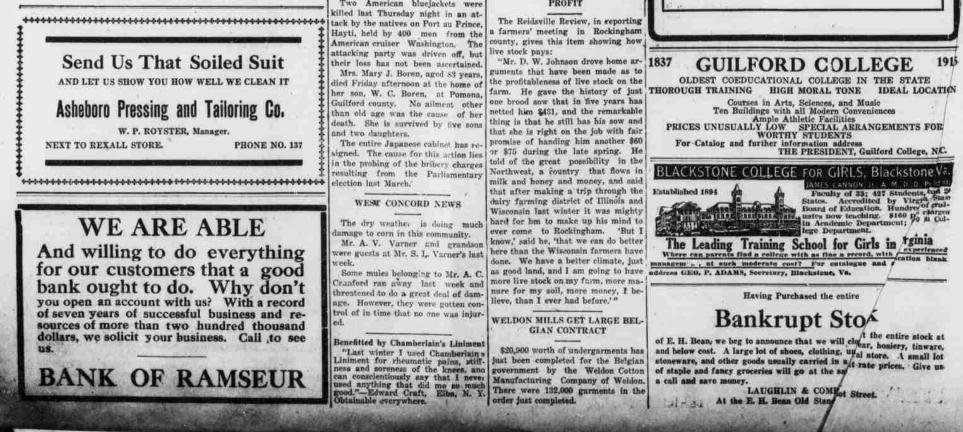


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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHER-ED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

The new Methodist church in Sanford will soon be ready to open for worship. It is a benutiful modern structure and will greatly strengthen the Methodist of this growing town. The Leyland liner Iberian, has been sunk by a German submarine. Five of the crew were killed and two died and the rescue bont. The liner disregarded the submarine's order to etop and was shelled. Four of the men killed were Americans,

A movement has been hunch I h Davidson county to wipe out m lifterney there. A county committee may been formed with Mr. H. B. Va er as chairman. This committee will plan the county comparing agiadult illiteracy and will appoint local committees. Already a number of romment men in the county have of ered their services as teachers.

Mr. S. A. Woodard, a prominent susiness man and lawyer, died at his home in Wilson Saturday morning. According to the latest reports North Carolina leads in the manufacure of chewing and smoking tobacco This is one of the largest industries of the State and yields a revenue of over twelve million dollars a year. This State is also a large producer of

obacco The Russian Government has issued an order prohibiting the export of furs from that country. These furs are to be kept at home to be used in equipping the soldiers for another severe winter campaign. Charles Becker was put to death in

the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. Outlining, N. Y., early Friday morning for the killing of Herman Rosen-thal, the New York gambler. Rosenthal was shot to death by hired gun-men in the early morning of July 16, 1912. The murder was the swift culnination of sensational charges made by Rosenthal against Becker. The ac-tual slayers of Rosenthal were tried, convicted, and sent to the electric chair in the fall of 1912, and Becker was also convicted and sentenced to death. The court of appeals, however, granted Becker a second trial in which he was again convicted and sentenced to die. Despite the re-prieve which was later granted him and the efforts of his counsel to have him freed the decision of the last court stood and Becker paid the penalty for the crime he had committed. Henry Shoe, a well-to-do farmer of the Big Lick section of Albemarle ounty was shot from ambush and fatally wounded Tuesday morning of last week. Tho it is not known who did the shooting it is supposed that it s the owner of a near by still which Mr. Shoe had been influential in hav-

ng captured by the officera. The flour mills of Winston-Salem ourchased more than one hundred thousand bushels outside of the State ast year.

The census of 1910 showed that there were in North Carolina in that year 1,563 blind persons 796 of whom were males and 867 females.

CHARTERED IN 1859 Prof. W. M. Rhyne, of Gastonia, has been elected principal of the Denton graded school. Arthur Gallimore, L. A. Newsome and Miss Cammie Nance are the other teachers. Miss Nance

week.

Two American bluejackets were

WAR LOSSES

Here are figures gathered Red Cross and made public German consul in Derver, what ably constitute the first auth formation of losses since th ning of hostilities.

The losses of the Belgians, Serbians Montenegrins, Turks and Japanese are not included in the summary, ex-net figures not being obtainable.

The Red Cross records show that every day up to March 1 the losses of all the countries engaged averaged 41,300, divided as follows. Dead, 10,-140; wounded, 23,000; prisoners, 8, 300. The total losses of the allies av eraged 28,000 dally, while these of the central powers, Germany and Austria-

Hungary, averaged 13,300 n day. Following are the Red Cross figures: Germany-Dend, 482,000; alightly wounded, 760,000; seriously wounded, 97,000; pr@eners, 223,000; total losses 1.572,000.

Austria-Deni, 541,000; slightly wounded, 618,000; seriously wounded, 83,000; prinoners, 183,000. Total losses 1 995 000

France-Dead, 464,000; slightly wounded, 718,000; seriously wounded, 439,000; prisoners, 495,000. Total losscs. 2.116.000.

Great Britain-Dead, 116,000; slightly wounded, 185,000; seriously wounded, 49,000; prisoners, 83,000. Total losses, 433,000.

Russia-Dead, 733,000; slightly ounded, 1,500,000; seriously wounded, 482,000; prisoners, 770,000. Total losses, 3,485,000.

These figures give totals of 2,146,-000 in dead, 3,781,000 slightly wounded, 1,150,000, seriously wounded, and 1,764,000 prisoners, making a grand total of losses of 8,831,000.

READING THE STEEL BAROMETER

Throughout its existence of fourteen years, net earnings of the United States Steel Corporation have never been so small as they were in the six months including last fall and winter. These carnings are now rapidly rising to normal. They promise for the current quarter to equal the highest previous quarterly record of \$45,000,000. It is thus apparent that the Steel Trust can "come back." Can it ever do much better than that? It can undoubtedly consolidate and hold this position, as they say in the trench warfare of Europe. Can it extend that position in relation to the whole steel industry of the country, whose steel consumption is much greater than in 1901?

Perhaps it does not want to under the Anti-Trust Law as now administered. Its most powerful argument against the Government dissolution suit has been that its proportion of whole industry is now less than half, where before it had been much more than half.

Perhaps it cannot if it would. The boasted "economies" of vast industrial combinations have hs a rule proved a delusion and a snare. It is the smaller independent steel companies which are now making most of the noise in the trade.

But there is every evidence of business piling up enough to tax the ca-pacity of them all. This in turn reflects an activity affecting all lines of industry. No surer barometer of trade exists than steel. As it now reads, that barometer forecasts an immediate era of exceptional prosperity .-New York World.

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