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## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED 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 beautiful 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 aboard the rescue boat. The liner disregarded the submarine's orders to stop and was shelled. Four of the men killed were Americans.

A movement has been launched in Davidson county to wipe out adult illiteracy there. A county committee has been formed with Mr. H. B. Varner as chairman. This committee will plan the county campaign against adult illiteracy and will appoint local committees. Already a number of prominent men in the county have offered their services as teachers.

Mr. S. A. Woodard, a prominent business man and lawyer, died at his home in Wilson Saturday morning.

According to the latest reports North Carolina leads in the manufacture 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 tobacco.

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, Ossining, N. Y., early Friday morning for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. Rosenthal was shot to death by hired gunmen in the early morning of July 16, 1912. The murder was the swift culmination of sensational charges made by Rosenthal against Becker. The actual 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 reprieve 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 county 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 is the owner of a near by still which Mr. Shoe had been influential in having captured by the officers.

The flour mills of Winston-Salem purchased more than one hundred thousand bushels outside of the State last 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.

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 is from Farmer, this county, and enjoys an enviable reputation as a teacher.

A party of Denton citizens took an outing on the banks of the Uwharrie river near Farmer, Wednesday of last week.

Two American bluejackets were killed last Thursday night in an attack by the natives on Port au Prince, Hayti, held by 400 men from the American cruiser Washington. The attacking party was driven off, but their loss has not been ascertained.

Mrs. Mary J. Boren, aged 83 years, died Friday afternoon at the home of her son, W. C. Boren, at Pomona, Guilford county. No ailment other than old age was the cause of her death. She is survived by five sons and two daughters.

The entire Japanese cabinet has resigned. The cause for this action lies in the probing of the bribery charges resulting from the Parliamentary election last March.

### WEST CONCORD NEWS

The dry weather is doing much damage to corn in this community.

Mr. A. V. Varner and grandson were guests at Mr. S. L. Varner's last week.

Some mules belonging to Mr. A. C. Cranford ran away last week and threatened to do a great deal of damage. However, they were gotten control of in time that no one was injured.

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## WAR LOSSES

Here are figures gathered by the Red Cross and made public. German consul in Denver, who probably constitute the first authoritative formation of losses since the beginning of hostilities.

The losses of the Belgians, Serbians, Montenegrins, Turks and Japanese are not included in the summary, exact 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 averaged 28,000 daily, while those of the central powers, Germany and Austria-Hungary, averaged 13,300 a day.

Following are the Red Cross figures: Germany—Dead, 482,000; slightly wounded, 769,000; seriously wounded, 97,000; prisoners, 223,000; total losses, 1,572,000.

Austria—Dead, 341,000; slightly wounded, 618,000; seriously wounded, 83,000; prisoners, 183,000. Total losses, 1,225,000.

France—Dead, 464,000; slightly wounded, 718,000; seriously wounded, 439,000; prisoners, 495,000. Total losses, 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 wounded, 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 earnings are now rapidly rising to normal. They promise for the current quarter to equal the highest previous quarterly record of \$46,000,000.

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 the 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 as 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 capacity 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.

### ONE BROOD SOW PAYS \$431 PROFIT

The Reidville Review, in reporting a farmers' meeting in Rockingham county, gives this item showing how live stock pays:

"Mr. D. W. Johnson drove home arguments that have been made as to the profitability of live stock on the farm. He gave the history of just one brood sow that in five years has netted him \$431, and the remarkable thing is that he still has his sow and that she is right on the job with fair promise of handing him another \$60 or \$75 during the late spring. He told of the great possibility in the Northwest, a country that flows in milk and honey and money, and said that after making a trip through the dairy farming district of Illinois and Wisconsin last winter it was mighty hard for him to make up his mind to ever come to Rockingham. 'But I know,' said he, 'that we can do better here than the Wisconsin farmers have done. We have a better climate, just as good land, and I am going to have more live stock on my farm, more manure for my soil, more money, I believe, than I ever had before.'"

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