

MASTER MIND SEEMS TO BE BEHIND THE SCENES

(Continued from page two.) more apparent. The construction of good roads is one of the important agencies in this direction. The ease of travel over a good road inclines people to venture forth and see what is at the end of the road. With Wilmington helping to get good roads from the extremes of the State, and making things attractive for people who come down the good roads, Wilmington folks are going to see more of the rest of the State, and in turn Wilmington folks are going to see more of the rest of the State.

Roads From Everywhere.

The roads to Wilmington from everywhere will settle the question from now on without much outside effort. The road that you and I and the rest of the State will be interested in from now on, is far as Wilmington is concerned, is one that will gather into one road the three that come into the city from Wrightsville Beach, Fort Fisher, and Southport, and starting eastward will head out through the high ground that will bring up at New River Inlet and Jacksonville. From there it will get over to Swansboro and Bogue Sound, finding a way into Carteret to Morehead and Beaufort. It will keep on out along Core Sound, and the south shores of Pamlico and the tidewater of the Neuse, and then around by New Fern and all the various inlets and outlets of Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds to the boundary line of the State.

This scheme of roads sounds a little bit far in the future, but compare the prospect with the prospect of any roads ten years ago, and see how far it is from unlikely. The truth is the people have discovered that good roads are not hard to build. Good roads have been found valuable, and from now on the good road is the custom, not the exception. As soon as we have established the most essential roads for direct traffic between the centers of population we will see that we can establish a great gridiron of roads to connect all points that have an interest, whether commercial or otherwise. Then we will awake to the fact that our road building movement only started when it undertook to connect the principal industrial and commercial centers.

Every man who goes down from the interior of the State to places along the coast goes back home possessed of the idea that he has discovered an unknown corner of his State. Every man who comes from the North and takes a ride through the good roads of Eastern North Carolina takes himself that he has done a Teddy Roosevelt job in finding an overlooked area of the geography, for it is a fact that in the North the idea has just begun to get abroad that the tar, turpentine and rosin belt is anything else than a red space on a map in some old atlas about half remembered.

Buried in Heaven

Some years ago one of the unregenerate back in God's country filed his complaint because I moved my household to North Carolina as he said "to bury them." Not long ago he happened to hit the pine country just about the time when the weather man was doing things right over in the Sandhills and after trailing around the country roads two or three days and seeing the picturesque side of Middle North Carolina my friend took another look at his opinion. "If this isn't heaven," he remarked, "it is about as near it as I have ever been."

They mean well, those folks who have never seen North Carolina, but to them the world is bound by the State line to the south of them, with a few wild Indians and untamed settlers somewhere to the west, but nothing of sufficient consequence to give the second thought. The South is a place that revolted some years ago, and continues its wickedness by a persistent voting of the Democratic ticket and appointing three North Carolina men to places in Wilson's cabinet, and others to important places on the Federal pay roll all down the line.

Every time one of those fellows from back in the United States comes to North Carolina he goes home and assumes an air of importance while he tells his friends and neighbors what

he has found, and they conclude to slip away and run down in this direction and see just how big a liar the local Marco Polo is. And that is the way it is working.

The roads are coming to Wilmington now because roads are going everywhere from everywhere, but also because Wilmington is doing so many things to make the city and the neighborhood a pleasant place to put in a day or a week or any old time, that folks are compelling the roads to extend to handle the traffic and the extending roads encourage more traffic, and the endless chain goes on.

Looking Ahead.

After a while the road system of the whole coast country will be so complete that every little and big outing cove and bay and inlet will be accessible. Before that time has come the line of traffic up the sounds and on the creeks and rivers will be carrying passengers. They will begin to insist on conveniences for water journeys. The opportunities for such things are so extensive and so varied all along the ocean line from Virginia to South Carolina that visitors will insist on utilizing the chances.

Wilmington is to be an important seaport always, as it has been an important seaport for the last century and a half. It is to be an important commercial center, as it has been for many years, and an important industrial community. Yet to me Wilmington looks like the capital of a country that in time will be in a great measure given up to the work of entertaining visitors. Not another port along the Atlantic has such general advantages. It is far enough north to get a favorable climate and it is one of the few ports south of New York with enough elevation above the water to drain the streets in a rain storm. Wilmington is built on hills which is one of its big advantages in attracting visitors.

A hill is always picturesque, especially a hill in a flat country like the coastal plain of Eastern America. I do not know whether the people of Wilmington are planning with an eye to a great resort town in the future, or if they are simply trying to make of their city a place in which they will find delight for themselves. But in either event they are laying the foundations of what is bound to grow into a popular vacation headquarters, and as the proposition works itself out the city will utilize its advantages and amplify on the development. The emphatic broadening of the scheme at the beaches is an indication that the seaside feature is thoroughly appreciated by the Wilmington folks, and that they are getting ready to meet the demands that will be made on them.

Holding to the Park Plan.

The growth of Wilmington and its overflow suburbs will hold to the park plan that has so decidedly cropped out in the creation of suburban extensions so far, and as that figures on plenty of room for the outlying homes and additions the whole of New Hanover county is likely to be picturesque and pleasing to the strangers who visit here. The trucking industry that has been encouraged gives a thrifty and tidy air to the small farm homes that are rapidly multiplying in all directions, and these flanked by the bigger farms with their substantial crops, substantial buildings, silos, barns, and signs of agricultural progress, afford another perspective of the picture. Wilmington has not made a very swift growth in the past. It was somewhat out of reach of its territory until lately.

It looks now as if the sign had changed, and that the advance had commenced. One thing that is noticed is that the foundations for all lines of progress are well laid. Nothing is shoddy about Wilmington. All is founded on the basic rocks, whether the buildings, the industries, the finances, or whatever it may be. With a good foundation the move ahead can be made at any speed, for there is no occasion to stop and patch up the unperpetrated or rebuild.

Expanding the village at Carolina Beach does not mean to me the enlargement of a seashore resort. Dredging the sound at Wrightsville does not mean that the creation of a gigantic park there in the midst of a labyrinth of canals and islands is the elaboration of a seaside amusement enterprise. These things are more. They are the genesis of a vast exploitation of the whole Atlantic front of the State, and some of the interior that is touched by the slackwater of the sounds, bays and rivers. It includes Fayetteville, Jacksonville, New Bern, Washington, Edenton, and even those farther inland places like Kinston, Greenville, and the flanking towns, will be materially influenced. The big work at Cape Lookout will be a mecca for an army of travelers before long, the coast and sound islands. The lakes of Craven and Bladen and Hyde and the rest of the plain will be joined in the big outing scheme.

Plans Working Out.

These things are working out their takes now. Just a day or two ago a man from the interior of the State was telling me how he gets down into Bladen county now with his car on his journey to what a half dozen years ago were the hidden lakes of that country, but now are coming out to the improved road that is pushing in to

GERMANS STILL FAR FROM STARVATION

Netherlands Minister Tells of the Result of His Investigation.

Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sept. 18.—Charged by the Netherlands Minister of War to investigate the latest German methods of treatment of soldiers suffering from nervous collapse and kindred ailments, Dr. Zeehandelaar, of the Dutch Army Medical Service also took advantage of his stay in Berlin to look into the question of the alleged chronic underfeeding in the German capital.

"I went for the purpose," writes Dr. Zeehandelaar, "to Wannsee Lake, the popular family bathing resort, where I was able to inspect some thousands of Berliners of all ages, stripped to the buff. I only wish my city patients looked like them. The feeding in Berlin is said to be the worst in Germany, with the exception of the garrison towns. But if much privation has to be suffered, there is no real hunger. I took my meals purposely in the most simple eating houses. Food is much dearer than normally; but there is still sufficient and the poorest are cared for. The impression that I, and many with me, had that the war could not last much longer because the stamina of the people was suffering too much from underfeeding, is assuredly very exaggerated, if not entirely incorrect. Your German now takes his coffee without sugar, his potatoes without gravy, his—not very palatable—bread with just a suspicion of butter or only with jam, and he puts up with a couple of meatless days a week. Consequently he has lost his proverbial roundness; but if he fares poorly he is still far from starving."

Dr. Zeehandelaar also took occasion to inquire at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the detention of so many doctors and nursing personnel of the entente armies in Germany. He was given to understand that this was a measure of reprisal evoked by the holding back of German medical men in France and Russia. His informants acknowledged that such imprisonment is in conflict with the Convention of Geneva; but they added that an agreement would probably be reached soon, Russia and France by which all those directly connected with the medical services would be released, except a small percentage who were absolutely necessary to attend to their own imprisoned compatriots.

NEW SECRETARY ELECTED.

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Names Texas Man for Position. Charlotte, Sept. 18.—The Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon elected E. N. Farris, of Corpus Christi, Tex., as executive secretary of the body to succeed J. R. Kinsloe, resigned. The new secretary has been engaged in his field of labor for a number of years and comes to Charlotte highly recommended.

chase them out.

Sea coast, rivers, lakes, roads, forests, climate, access towns and cities, battlefields, history, farms and gardens, shipping from all over the world, an endless collection of those things that hold the interest of people, these are the things that the eastern part of the State has in its hand. Where else is such an aggregation of resources to be found? And how the trains would be crowded this winter if the people all over the North knew of Eastern North Carolina as I knew of it. If the people of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, alone, could see a moving picture show of Craven county, hundreds of them would be down this way before Christmas.

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