

# Society

Miss Nan Huggins has gone to N. C., where they have been visiting Charlotte to visit friends.

Mr. Will King, of Hampstead, is in the city today on business.

Miss Thelma Brooks has gone to Philadelphia to resume her studies at the Beachwood School for Girls.

A social will be given Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Wilmington Workers of the First Presbyterian church.

Misses Walker and in a Davis have gone to Waynesville to spend a short while before going to St. Louis, Mo., to attend the Episcopalian convention.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The Home Mission Auxiliary, of the First Presbyterian church, will be in special session, at No. 223 North Third street, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Haywood Clark has returned after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Smith, in Raleigh.

The What-So-Ever Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons will meet at the First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Westminister Christian Endeavor Society will meet in monthly session tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the Memorial Hall, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. A delightful social has been arranged by the social committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolles and daughter, Miss Helen, who have been spending some time in the city, have gone to Philadelphia where Miss Helen will enter Bryn Mawr College. Mr. Bolles will shortly sail for Hong Kong, China, where he is manager of the Standard Oil Company branch.

Sunday's Greensboro News: "Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cline and daughter, Miss Della Cline, and Miss Maude Bulluck, of Wilmington, are spending a few days here with relatives and friends. They are touring the State, being en route to Hendersonville, Asheville and Waynesville. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Cline and daughter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scales. Miss Bulluck is stopping with her aunt, Mrs. Andrew Joyner."

Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer: "The following delegates have been appointed to represent the Raleigh Chapter at the meeting of the State W. C. T. U. at Wilmington, October 3 to 6: Mesdames T. Adelaide Goodno, J. E. Stevick, Martha Morris, G. M. Walters, R. D. Stephens, Walter Horton, M. J. Carroll, and Miss Mollie Parrish."

Mrs. W. F. Benton and children, have returned from Northwest, where they have been spending a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Bishop B. Pridden and daughter, Miss Mildred, have returned from New Bern, after visiting Mrs. Henry Smith, of that place.

Mrs. J. G. Barrentine has returned to her home in the city, after spending some time in the North.

Mrs. J. V. Corbett and little daughter, Virginia, passed through the city yesterday, en route from Livingstone,

Mrs. Corbett's sister, Mrs. Quincy Lennon, to their home in Carthage.

Mrs. Z. V. Corbett has returned to her home in Canetuck, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Preston Matthews, No. 711 North street.

Mr. Leslie Hummel has returned to the city from Goldsboro, where he spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hummel.

The following from the Greensboro Daily News will be of more than passing interest to the many friends of Miss Webb in this city: "Judge and Mrs. James L. Webb of Shelby, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Madge Webb to S. R. Riley, of Greenville, S. C. the marriage to take place in December. Miss Webb is a sister-in-law of Max Gardner, candidate for lieutenant governor."

INVITATIONS ISSUED. The following invitations have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. David Milton Hollowell requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mollie Bell, to Mr. John Harvey Felts, Jr., on Wednesday, the eighteenth of October, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, North Carolina. At home after the second of November, Lumberton, North Carolina."

WILL LIVE IN RALEIGH. Mr. and Mrs. David Rich left this morning for Raleigh, where they will live in the future. Mrs. Rich, who was Miss Mary Irene Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bishop, of Winter Park, was married to Mr. Rich, of Raleigh, Saturday afternoon at 5:30. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. H. Irvin, on North Third street, and the vows were spoken by Rev. W. R. Noe. Mrs. Rich is an unusually attractive young lady and while congratulations have been showered upon her by her numerous friends and acquaintances, all regret that her marriage carries her out of the city.

TODAY IS MOVING DAY.

Wilmington in The Throes of Her Annual Nightmare.

When the Fourth of July, Christmas or Moving Day comes on Sunday the institutional plans of the day are very much upset and are distributed, as a rule, over the calendar for the better part of a week. And so this year Moving Day in Wilmington has fallen on a Sunday and as it was neither convenient nor in good taste to start moving household and kitchen effects on the Sabbath the process of going out of one place and into another did not start until this morning and will not be finished until well into the week.

Although the home has been picked out in advance and the lease signed there is always a bit of novelty attached to Moving Day for it causes one to feel if one is leaving an old friend. Wilmington is just now in the throes of her annual nightmare but in a few days tranquillity will have settled over the city—new acquaintances will have been formed and the renters will be acclimated to their new surroundings.

I suppose you have said things that you were sorry for. Oh, yes, but I've always managed to show that I was misquoted.

## MILITARY TUNNEL CLOSE TO GERMANS

### Through It Reinforcements Move Quickly In The Verdun War Theatre.

Verdun, Oct. 2.—Just west of here, in the forest of Argonne, there is a remarkable military tunnel, 45 feet underground, running right up to within 300 yards of the German trenches. It is one of the most hard-pressed points around Verdun, but through this tunnel reinforcements move forward without danger, relieving every two hours the men on the firing line.

There was a very American atmosphere about this tunnel when The Associated Press correspondent visited it for the curious fact developed that the two officers in command were American residents, one a stock-raiser in Alberta, Canada, and the other a Bank at Los Angeles, Cal. Both were born in France and when the war broke out left their American business to come home and fight. And now they are in full charge of this underground highway, leading up to one of the most desperate positions along the front. They are so American that they speak English instead of French, and the Commandant's headquarters—a little nest in the clay—has a big picture of Uncle Sam hanging on the wall.

Creeping through this tunnel toward the front line, the members of the visiting party knocked their steel casques on the roof, and plunged through water ankle-deep. Paul Cravath, the New York lawyer, a man of large build, 6 feet 6 inches tall, was bent double in the struggle through the tunnel. Along the way they passed an electric plant, throbbing with energy, and pumping the fresh air which keeps the tunnel habitable. Further on, in a large clay hole, a kitchen was in full operation, with soldiers eating bowls of noodles. "Let me introduce you to our chef," said the Commandant, as a young soldier-cook came forward. "He is now the cook for this tunnel—and he ought to be a good cook, for before the war he was chef to the French Ambassador at Rome."

Emerging from the tunnel into the front French trenches, the German trenches were plainly visible on the crest only 300 yards away. The intervening space was swept clear as though by a cyclone. Instead of the beautiful green of the forest, that was left at the other end of the tunnel, here the whole outlook was gray and desolate: the ground jagged and torn as by eccentric ploughs; not a vestige of grass or verdure, and the few gaunt trunks of trees stripped of their last leaf and looking like so many scarecrows.

"This has been a rather quiet day—only two mine explosions," said the Commandant—"two men injured, one in the shoulder, the other in the leg. That is little, for often we have 40 to 60 men killed or injured in these mine explosions, which go on continually as the Germans try to mine under our trenches and we try to mine under theirs."

Even beyond the front line French trenches, the French soldiers had pushed their observation posts into the fire-swept diving line, 200 yards wide. Some of these daring men could be seen almost up to the crest where the German line ran. They were crouched behind heaps of boulders, rifles ready. "Those men are only ten yards from the Germans," said the Commandant. As he spoke, Mr. Cravath of New York said:

"I see a German; there he is on the crest; you can see his uniform with the round cap."

"And he sees you, too," said the Commandant. "You have been under fire," he added as he led Mr. Cravath and the others to a more secure position.

"It's good that German didn't fire," remarked Cravath. "It might have been an international incident. Think of it—killing an American visitor to the French trenches."

Coming back from the front line trenches, one had a view of the many ceaseless activities in carrying on this great battle. At one point soldiers in shirt-sleeves were digging graves in an improvised cemetery along the forest path. The cemetery was very large, and had been given a name: "Maison Forerster," or Forest Home. Every grave had a wooden cross above it, with the name and regiment of the dead soldier.

The shells kept whizzing and bursting as the party moved along, and it got to be a pleasant pastime to note the long s-z-z-z as the shells flew overhead. One of them struck a few hundred feet away, throwing up trees, earth and clouds of smoke.

To those who wanted souvenirs there were big fragments of shrapnel lying at every turn. It was pleasant at first to pick them up, but after three or four of these heavy chunks of steel were carried half a mile, the task was abandoned.

The ingenuity of some of the trench quarters along the way is shown in the use of empty glass bottles for windows. One officer pointed with pride to the very artistic effect he had secured with these empty wine bottles. A triple row extended all across the front of his log shack, giving light without effect without. The bottles are of white glass, used for bottling the white wine of Bordeaux.

The headquarters of General Neville, in command of the operations at Verdun, are quite a way outside the city, at a little cross-roads hamlet, which cannot be named for military reasons. The general's offices are in the town

courthouse, a two-story structure. It was in this same building that General Petain, who preceded Neville, and General de Castelnau, quickly made the plans on the first rush of the Germans which held them until reinforcements could be brought up.

General Neville goes to Verdun and along the trench front frequently. But most of his time is at headquarters, in telegraph and telephone with the whole circle of defenses, and in touch, too, with the other army corps and masses of supplies ready to be moved forward to fill any gap the Germans may make.

As we were at General Neville's headquarters, a party of German prisoners came by. They marched two and two, their gray uniform and round cap contrasting with the French blue and casque. Already they were being set to work, and instead of a gun each German carried a spade over his shoulder. At Verdun there is no civilian life whatever, but around General Neville's headquarters there were peasant women and girls mingling with the polls, indicating civilian life still existed this near to the bombarded town.

The roads back of Verdun present the most varied scenes of activity. On one side is a vast aeroplane camp, with some twenty enormous hangars of basket steel construction, covered with canvas. Across the road is a riding-course running for miles, where officers can exercise their mounts, and cavalry can push forward in emergency without blocking the high road. Every now and then one sees a big vehicle shot by bearing the sign "American Ambulance Corps."

The thousands of horses and mules along the road are in good condition. Many of the horses came from America, and were run down by sea voyage, but after a month's feeding they proved very serviceable. On seeking the mules, one of the officers said: "The mobilization of the Greek army had one very important result for the Allies—it released 10,000 mules which the Greeks had been using, and now these mules are proving invaluable to the Allies."

While the fields back of Verdun are rich with yellow grain, yet there is one melancholy evidence of the war in the burning of manure, usually the very life-blood of the soil. The grain can be gathered by the soldiers and the women who remain, but there is no time to distribute the manure over the land, and so it is burned.

The last glimpse of Verdun came as the party passed a detachment of French soldiers, just out of the trenches and going to the rear for rest. They were tired and heavily laden, but happy and cheerful as they swung along in irregular ranks, laughing and smoking as though they came from some agreeable occupation. They were all fine-looking young fellows, and they typified that calm and invincible spirit which the young French soldiers are putting into their service.

SPEAK AT WINTER PARK.

Large Crowd Expected to Hear E. H. Cranmer, Esq., Thursday Night. E. H. Cranmer, Esq., Democratic nominee to State Senate from New Hanover and Brunswick counties, will speak at the Winter Park School building Thursday night at 8 o'clock and indications are that a big crowd of voters will turn out to hear his version of the political situation. Just to what extent his views coincide with those of Judge Hughes as to the country's present prosperity will be learned and way a snout vote the Democratic ticket will be explained.

Because Winter Park is easily accessible an unusually strong delegation is expected to attend from this city. Mr. Cranmer is a pleasant and forceful speaker and what he will have to say will, in all probability, be very interesting.

NOTHING KNOWN OF S. S. LINE HERE

Wilmington Business Men In Dark As To Proposed Steamer Service.

Local exporters and importers, who would very naturally be interested in the establishment of a line of steamers that would ply between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, via the Panama Canal, making calls at all of the important South Atlantic ports regularly, are absolutely in the dark in regard to the plans of Chinese-American Exchange Company, report says, will inaugurate such a service of steamers from one coast to the other and also connect with lines to the Orient.

Two of the largest exporters at this port were spoken to this morning, regarding the proposed steamship line and both denied they had heard of the proposed company. Both stated, however, that they were so closely in touch with matters of this kind that they would have been informed of such an organization before it had been made public.

It was given out by the Associated Press, under a Washington date line, that regular sailings would be made from Norfolk, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Mobile and Galveston on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and San Pedro, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland on the Pacific coast, where connection will be made with another fleet plying to Chinese treaty ports.

## THIS IS MEN'S WEEK

—AT THE—

# BELK STORE



and every man and boy is wanted and expected to come here this week to see the many men's things that is of interest to them.

The men's and boys' department will be the center of attraction this week and while we are making this special effort for your benefit just drop in for a few minutes and partake of our hospitality—if you are not ready to buy come any way. It's the "coming" we want—you will buy from us later.

Special displays of Men's Suits, Overcoats, Shirts, Collars, Neckwear, Shoes, Bathrobes, Underwear, Umbrellas, Traveling Bags, etc.

## Belk-Williams Company

### MILK SITUATION TO CONTINUE LONGER

Feeding Will Be Dispensed In The Afternoons Until The 12th.

It was announced this morning by Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, that the milk depot which has been operated at the office of the health department during the summer months, would continue open until the 12th of this month.

When the Milk Station was established several months ago, following the raising of sufficient funds by the North Carolina Sorosis, it was intended to operate the depot only until October 1, but as so many babies were benefitted by the milk dispensed from the station it has been decided to continue its operation as long as possible.

Owing to the fact that Miss Christy Pinner, the public health nurse who is in charge of the station, will have much of her time occupied with the school work, feeding of the milk will be dispensed in the afternoon instead of the morning as heretofore.

Much benefit has resulted from the Milk Station and The Sorosis, together with the aid of the Health Department is to be commended for the good that it has done the infants, many of whom would probably have died had it not been possible to secure treated milk.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED TODAY

Total Enrollment Thought to Be Advance of Last Year.

With an enrollment that is expected to exceed that of last year by several hundred, all of the city's public schools opened for the 1916-17 session today. The exact number of students who entered school today was not available at the office of the Board of Education this afternoon, but it is believed that the number will eclipse that of the first day last season.

Some of the school enrollments showed that there would be many more pupils to attend this season and on these grounds it is estimated that the grand total will be considerably more than last year. However, all of the schools were unable to make a report and it is for this reason that the exact number is not to be had. It is thought that the total will be in advance of 4,000.

Under the new system of having certain text books for each grade, the children in most cases had supplied themselves with the necessary books and much time will be saved in getting down to study.

It is expected that the total enrollment will be further swelled by many pupils who were unable to attend the first day, but will begin during this week.

Capt. George W. Gillette, of Company A, Engineer Troop, of Wilmington, at Camp Glent, is in the city today.

### TO RAISE MORE LIVE STOCK

South Carolina Farmers Alive to The Needs of The Hour.

Orangeburg, Oct. 2.—South Carolina farmers are going into the live stock business. They are rapidly placing their agriculture upon a basis of prosperity and profit rather than the fluctuating values of a one-crop harvest. Forward steps are being taken in every direction and one of the most vitally important meetings ever held in this State is the South Carolina Live Stock Exposition and Cattle Conference which will meet in Orangeburg October 11 and 12. The opening address will be delivered by Congressman A. F. Lever.

This beneficial meeting is to be held under the joint auspices of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization and the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce. Co-operating with these bodies are, Clemson College, the State Agricultural Department, the Federal Department of Agriculture, and other interested organizations. It has been approved and largely praised by leading farm specialists in this State, and by many owners of live stock.

The nation will eventually look to the South for its meat supply, and it behooves every farmer and landowner to consider the possibilities that this coming industry may have in store for him. The establishment of packing houses at Orangeburg, Greenville, and scores of other Southern cities, are beacons along the path of progress in Southern agriculture and point the way to a

more glorious harvest of the natural possibilities of our soil and situation. To the forward looking farmer the South Carolina Live Stock Exposition and Conference is an occasion that can not be missed.

Among the leading agricultural authorities and speakers who will attend this Conference are these well known personages; Dr. W. K. Lewis, leader of the campaign for the eradication of the cattle tick; E. J. Watson, State Agricultural Commissioner; Dr. W. W. Long, the far-seeing director of the farm demonstration work in South Carolina who has advanced our farm industries as no other man has been able to do; Congressman A. F. Lever, chairman of the great House Agricultural Committee; and others. The subjects to be discussed include the following: Breeds and Results, Sizes and Weights, Grade Stock and Thoroughbreds, Range Conditions, Pastures, Forage Crops and Rotation, Silos and Silage, Dairying and Dairy products, Tick Eradication, Diseases, Markets and Packing House Possibilities, etc. Can any farmer or landowner afford to miss it?

From responses already received by Thos. W. Hughes, Special Agent of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, a large number of fine specimens of live stock will be on exhibit. L. I. Gulon of Lugoff will send twelve head of Hertsfords, L. W. Boykin of Camden, will send 9 Shorthorns, and so on. It will be the grand event of the year for those interested in live stock. Every farmer and landowner should be in Orangeburg on October 11 and 12.

There is something peculiar in a hunch. Nearly everybody had one that there would be no strike. At least, not at this time.—Wichita (Kan.) Beacon.

Mr. Louis Hanson has returned from a brief business trip to Savannah and other southern points.



## Time For Blankets

Some beautiful Blankets just uncased—Plaids, also White with pink or light blue borders.

Ranging in prices from

**\$4.50 to \$10.00**

a pair, according to quantity of wool.

## A. D. Brown

READ BUSINESS SPECIALS

## Wilmington, Monday, Oct. 16

EXHIBITION GROUND—12TH AND MARKET STS. TWO COMPLETE PERFORMANCES—AFTERNOON 2:15—NIGHT 8:15.

# BUFFALO BILL

AND THE 101 RANCH WILD WEST COMBINED!



I AM COMING. AND THE MILITARY REGIMENT PREPAREDNESS

BIG MILITARY AND WILD WEST PARADE 10:30

Downtown Ticket Office Show Day at Woodall & Sheppard's Drug Store, Corner Front and Princess street. Prices same as at Regular Ticket Wagons.

U. S. ARMY RECRUITING TEAM ON GROUNDS