

Sayville).-Germany and her) allies today proposed to enter formally into peace negotiations. The proposals which they bring forward are, accord ing to Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for establishment of a lasting peace. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments make similar proposals. These proposals also have been transmitted to the Vatican.

They follow an announcement giv en out today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency.

The Imperial Chancellor this morn ing received one after another of the representatives of the United States of America, Spain and Switzerland; WOMEN ARE that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The Chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note will be read today in the Reichstag by the Chancellor.

In the note the four allies (the central powers) propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The proposals which tney bring forward for such negotiations are, according to second day's session of the Southern their firm belief, appropriate for the Commercial Congress by the commisestablishment of a lasting peace.

The governments at Vienna, Con- Southern States. The meeting was stantinople and Sofia transmitted the given over to the National Associaidentical note also and communicat- tion of Commissioners of Agriculture, ed with the Holy See and all neutral which is meeting with the congress.

DOWPTS.



Rotarians See But Little Benefit in Proposed Seaboard Service For This City.

The proposed new train service on C. A. this afternoon, on the carried out. ams were appointed to confer with ers. Mr. J. G. McCormick on the matter. Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of

BEING TAKEN CONGRESS IHŁ

Branches Dealing Various With Matters That Affect This Section.

ALSO MEETING

Discuss Live Subjects-High Cost of Living to Bè Touched On.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12 .- The South' problems were discussed today at the sioners of agriculture of several

Harvie Jordan, of Georgia, president of the Southern Cotton Growers Association, which is also in session here, spcke on cotton's relation to International reconstruction.

The Southern commercial sections, which organized the Southern Commercial Congress, also held a business meeting today, and this after-

noon the woman's auxiliary of the hear greetings Congress * will from the Virginia Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The high cost of living, children's welfare and kindred subjects will be discussed

the Seaboard Air Line Railway, be- wooden structure would be a fire-trap tween Wilmington and Charlotte, that in case there should be a blaze there. will be asked for at the conference in A committee was appointed to meet Charlotte Friday, was not endorsed by with the Board of Education and the Rotary Club, in session at the Y. thresh out some plan to have this idea

¹⁰ bringing shoppers here. A commit- endorsed. The idea of having this or- wireless call last night that she had

In German quarters the crisis in the British cabinet, the of the Teutonic attack along the Mol- the Cherokee Indians of North Caro- diately was sent to President Wilcoming of winter and the lull in the fighting are given as rea- chian sectors, notably north of Thirty thousand dollars is provided retary Tumulty said he was deeply sons for making the peace proposal at this time. It is declared Ploechti, where the Austro-German for the support and education of the interested, but would make no comthat the successes of the Teuton armies in Rumania should con- forces are proceeding towards the 180 pupils of the Indian school at ment, at least until it was learned vince the allied powers that the offer is not made because of any military weakness? Making the offer now the Germanic pow- by the Germans on the Franco-Bel- general repairs and improvement of ers feel that all sides may be saved preparation for the spring

campaign. Should the offer be declined, it is said here, it is believed it will be made again next fall and, if necessary, the fall Paris the attack was checked and of some divisions from Rumania, the neutrals adressed would be asked after that. Another object, explained by German diplomats, the Germans were driven out of por- transferring them to other fronts. only to transmit the proposal. This is to establish whether the entente allies are willing for peace or whether they intend to crush Germany and dismember her. ADD WAR Germany, they say, is convinced of the ability and strength of the enemy to continue the war for ten years and no less confident of her own ability to do so.

Among the entente diplomats here Germany's offer is pro-Commissioners of Agriculture nounced to be of double purpose and unlikely of acceptance. The first purpose is declared to affect world opinion of the neutrals and place the entente in position of being responsible for continuation of the war. The second, it is declared, is for internal effect in Germany and to give evidence to the people of the government's readiness to end th war, but that it was forced to continue by its enemies. The peace offer, diplomats forced to continue by its enemies. The peace offer, diplomats say, has been timed to follow the fall of Bucharest, which was meant to convince the people not to lack confidence in the RACE FOR THE DISPATCH ability of the government to continue the war.



Ship.

Coast Guard Cutters Rush to Supreme Court Will Hear Ar-Help United States gument in The Election Contest Thursday.

New York; Dec. 12.-The United Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12 .- Represent-States army transport, Sumner, ative James J. Britt's motion to adbound from Colon to this port, with vance the appeal from Buncombe army officers, troops and civilian pascounty superior court, in which Judge sengers, is hard aground on the New Adams held was without jurisdiction Jersey coast, off Barneget. Two cut in the mandamus proceedings to com- people in North Carolina. ters are rushing to the relief of the pel the Buncombe county canvassing transport, which sent out a call for board to count the vote, was heard in help, after she struck late last night. the supreme court today and set for argument for Thursday.

The Sumner, which left Colon, Dec. Mr. Britt personally appeared to 4, was reported at noon Sunday as grounds the service would not be of A proposition to have the Teachers' being 407 miles south of Sandy Hook. argue the case and immediately after-

any benefit to Wilmington in regard Assembly here next Thanksgiving was Next heard of the vessel was her wards left for Washington. It now seems that the court will tee composed of Messrs. L. T. Moore, ganization, more than 1,000 strong, gone ashore during a heavy fog. A hear the argument and decide the is-W. D. MacMillan, Jr., and J. D. Wil- is being advocated by the local teach- wireless message from the Sumner sue by December 19, when Judge

at 7 o'clock this morning stated that Bond's order expires and the state the vessel was beginning to pound board of canvassers act. Mr. Britt with the rising tide. The sea, how-announced that he would ask Governor Craig and the state hoard to nost-

Buzue.

New activity has been developed superintendent, and \$6,000 goes for from the entente allies. gian front, attacking last night the the institution.

defenses of Des Loges Wood, south of the Somme sector, but according to Germans have begun the retirement tions of the advanced positions The situation in Rumania is becoming will be done, so far as the United which they had occupied. more favorable for the entente.

The British foreign office, under the new foreign secretary, A. J. Bal-Greek proposition regarding which announced officially in Berlin that

announcement was made yesterday Emperor William has notified his that steps would be taken to reach commanding generals of Germany's a very radical solution.

Declares Teutons Beating Retreat. will be accepted. Until that is set-A Rome dispatch to the Wireless tled the message says they are to tions were likely of consideration. Press says Petrograd reports that the fight on.

PRIZES GROWS EXCITIN

Many Changes and Increas- ing to some of your favorite pieces Many People Each Day.

ed by The Dispatch in its voting con- orated with this handsome ring if will be discussed there. test is becoming more and more in you will only put forth the proper teresting every day. The many effort toward securing new subscrip- gations received their first informachanges in the standing of the differ- tions this week and next. ent candidates, the new leaders from | The time to put forth greatest ef. ated Press day to day, and the increased vote fort is right now. There is an extra

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reached by The Dispatch. In a voting contest the first and only sure is now knocking at your door and you powers themselves were about to sign of interest and enthusiasm is should embrace it before it is too make one. Generally the announce from the number of coupons that are late. This is the tide of fortune that ment was a distinct surprise throughsent in daily, and The Dispatch feels the immortal Shakespeare wrote out official and diplomatic circles. highly complimented over the great about, and if you take it at its flood The one prevailing opinion was that interest and enthusiasm manifested you will certainly prove that the Germanic allies had brought out their throughout this section of the State Great Bard of Avon was a true proph- peace offer at this time in expect

Cherokee, including the pay of the what receipt the proposal received

Kaiser 'Says Fight On.

peace offer and informed them that

it is still uncertain whether the offer

The State Department received its first information of Germany's proposal through the Associated Press which uniquis assumed the offices States is concerned, promptly on receipt of the official dispatch in Washington. They will be forwarded to London, Dec. 12 .- A Central News all entente countries where the Unitfour, is occupying itself with the dispatch from Amsterdam says it is ed States represents the central powers diplomatically.

Whether the United States will accompany the transmission with any comment or suggestion it was indicated depended entirely on the nature of the proposal, whether the condi-

If the offer is deemed one on which all sides might negotiate the United States probably will urge that it be taken up.

In transmitting the proposal, it was officially stated, the United States probably would follow the practice that has been invariable so far in acting as the medium of communication between hostile governnents and would not make it public. The terms would be known to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, who would examine them to determine whether they should be accom-List of Candidates With Its lot at Carolina Beach; or spending panied by any word from the United

that \$100; or sitting at home listen- States. The news was particularly the only ed Vote Totals Watched by of music on the Victrola! These are topic of discussion among members some of the prizes offered to the con- of Congress, as they assembled for testants in the contest. And then the day's session. A regular cabinet there is the special prize-a \$60 dia- meeting will be held this afternoon The race for the grand prizes offer- mond ring. Your finger may be dec. at the White House and, no doubt, it

> The foreign embassies and letion of the event through the Associ-

On every hand the discussion turntotals, are being watched by many advantage to be gained, as each \$15 ed on the move Germany and her alworth of subscriptions turned in be- lies had taken in their peace pro-Few, if any, mails but what bring fore December 22 will give any can- posal at this time, although for many bunches of coupons to the contest de- didate 150,000 extra votes. After this weeks there had been a persistent partment. These coupons are not date there will be a reduction of 10,- and officially denied report that from one locality, but are from near- 000 votes for each \$15 club of sub. some peace proposal would be made by President Wilson, but there was Delays are dangerous. Opportunity no open indication that the central The number of coupon votes, et, for its swell will certainly waft ancy that the terms might be accept

High School on the lot already own- anations and before humanity, bill the board on Market street and bave proposed to the hostile from the Canal Zone to New York to group and the board on Market street and bave proposed to the hostile from the Canal Zone to New York when she struck last night and sent to group and the board on Market street and bave proposed to the hostile when she struck last night and sent to group advocat. The persons rescued were taken to market street and to group advocat. The persons rescued were taken to group advocat. The persons taken to group	onstantine of Greece *
And School, was strongly advocat * (Continued on Page Seven.) ************************************	