

GREAT THINGS ARE IN STORE FOR THIS CITY

Conservative Business Men See Visions of a Boom Without Parallel.

GENERAL WOOD AGAIN TALKS INTERESTINGLY

Tells Charleston People Site Offered by This City Surpasses Anything in His Entire Department.

"Business in Wilmington within the next two months, by early autumn, will be humming in a manner undreamed of by the most optimistic," is the opinion of one of the most prominent real estate men in the city, who stated that he was basing his talk on things which he knew would happen and other things which would necessarily come to pass as a result. This gentleman is regarded by business associates as thoroughly conservative and a statement to this effect coming from him is regarded in a high manner by those with whom he is acquainted and with whom he has done business.

The shipbuilding industry is going to turn the trick in his opinion and the convalescent camp that is almost certain to be located near the city is going to help out in a wonderful manner. Wilmington, according to many, principally the most substantial men of the city, is preparing to boom in a manner that would shame the most auspicious mushroom city that has yet sprung into life and flourished from unusual conditions.

Talk of additional shipyards is heard on every hand; there was a report being circulated yesterday afternoon that the Coast Line was preparing to lay out tracks to various sites that it is believed will be taken by either Northern concerns or the government in the early future. The presence of a stranger in the city yesterday with one of the city's most substantial business men gave rise to the rumor that the gentleman was here looking for a site but it later developed that the report was without foundation and that the visitor was merely here looking after business interests that he had held for a long period.

The cantonment proposition continues to be a live subject and is being discussed by many. The publicity that Wilmington got from the visit of Editor Wade Harris, of the Charlotte Observer, was priceless and will probably result in big things for the city; at least it will help Wilmington to secure what she is so justly entitled to and so very able to take care of. The following Charleston, S. C., dispatch concerning Wilmington's chances for a camp will be read with interest. It says:

"A great convalescent and base hospital will be built by the government at Wilmington, N. C., according to present plans of the department. It is to care for the wounded and the sick from the camps and cantonments in the States near the coast and for the wounded when they are returned from France. General Wood had just inspected a 7,000 acre tract near Wilmington, which he stated was the most ideally suited in his entire department."

MEDICAL MEN EQUIPPED

Bill of Laden Received For Cavalrymen's Uniforms.

Members of Maj. Claude L. Pridgen's Field Sanitary Unit were given uniforms yesterday and the boys lost absolutely no time in discarding their civilian clothes for the military uniforms provided for them. The unit presents a splendid appearance as it stands today. Bill of laden was received yesterday for the uniforms for the members of Troop C, Cavalry, it was stated by an officer of the company, and this fine body of young men is expected to don fighting togs early in the week. Absolutely no moving or forwarding of the bill has been received by the commanding officers of either unit at the late hour last night. Many of the members of the Wilmington Light Infantry went to the beach for the weekend last night while others went out of the city. The fact that so many members of the W. L. I. were seen on the streets with grips and handbags gave rise to the rumor that they were preparing "to move," however, this was denied by officers of the company.

AT EBENEZER CHURCH.

Interesting Services Will Be Held There Today; All Are Invited.

The principal features for Ebenezer Baptist church, colored, for today are preaching by Rev. A. J. Boney, a prominent young colored man, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. At 3 p. m. Dr. A. J. Wilson, pastor of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, will preach and excellent music will be rendered by his choir. Dr. Wilson is regarded as one of his race's most prominent leaders and is doing a great uplift work for his people.

Married Last Night.

Mr. Julius M. Carroll, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Miss Cleveland Croon, of Currie, N. C., were married by Justice G. W. Bornemann at his Princess-street office last night at 9 o'clock, only a few friends attending. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will make their home in Norfolk.

WILL ADMINISTER RELIEF THROUGH COMMITTEE FOUR

Organizations Realize That Teamwork Will Get Best Results.

NAME COMMITTEE FOR THIS WORK

War Relief and Defense Organizations are Co-operating in a Splendid Manner—The Plan.

At a recent meeting of the several organizations supplying war relief it was agreed that all relief should be administered by a committee of four composed of Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe, chairman of the Red Cross War Relief committee; Dr. James Sprunt, chairman of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Business Aid committee, which covers almost identical ground, and W. A. McGirt, chairman of the Conservation and Local Relief committee, and J. G. McCormick, Esq., chairman of the County Council of Defense, was subsequently added to this committee to give representative to the Council of Defense and keep it in touch with all the community's activities.

This committee of four is prepared to consider any problems of soldiers and sailors engaged in the war, which affects their business affairs or the needs of their dependents; and they desire to render such aid as possible to the men going to the front, or their families.

After conference with the New Hanover Council of Defense, J. G. McCormick, chairman, it was agreed that the Red Cross Chapter, the National Special Aid, the Conservation Committee and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Business Aid committee would work in the fullest possible co-operation, avoiding any duplication of activities that might lead to confusion of purpose and seeking to co-ordinate all the agencies and activities in the community; and to make this more effective, it was further agreed that all these organizations, while working along the definite lines prescribed by their rules, would report regularly through the County Council of Defense, not only for permanent record but to make possible a more complete co-ordination of the many and splendid organizations already doing such fine work in Wilmington and of any that shall hereafter be created.

It is the desire of these organizations that there may be co-operation of any other agencies in the community seeking to aid the government at this time, when everything counts so much; and it is asked that all public movements be started in Wilmington without first having a conference with those who are in charge of these present activities.

In order that there may be some clear understanding of our present agencies and their scope, it may be well to say just a word about the several mentioned above, without prejudice to others.

American National Red Cross.

The American National Red Cross stands first, in point of time, having been organized in 1881, under the treaty of Geneva of 1863, and subsequently receiving charters from Congress in 1893, 1900 and 1905, defining its powers and prescribing regulations for its government.

Its first duty is that of rendering aid to the army and navy in time of war; but in times of peace it has no less definite tasks.

In time of war it is under control of the army and seeks to render aid to the sick and wounded in camp and on battlefield by persons, service of its doctors and nurses, and the supply of the necessary war material supplies, such as are needed in the hospitals and by the surgeons; and the chapters all over the country have been working with rare devotion to furnish the needed surgical and hospital supplies; and the work of the Red Cross forms perhaps the most beautiful chapter in the history of war, representing as it does the heart of nations—the embodiment of tender and loving service in His name.

The National Special Aid Society, formed January, 1915, incorporated July, 1916, is one of the 74 allied war relief organizations. Founded primarily as a Preparedness and Patriotic Society, its aim "to mobilize the women for service to our country, and, as occasion arose, in the wider needs of humanity," when affairs came to a crisis, found its existence justified by its works; for through the agency of chapters organized in various States, work of various kinds was created, systematized and was at once broadened and enlarged with a minimum of confusion.

It is essentially a woman's society with an advisory board of men. The three lines of work are Patriotic, Relief and Industrial Preparedness. The local chapter has organized the community by blocks, created a fund for its work by the Patriotic Penny, has stimulated conservation and is doing an extensive work in preparing surgical dressings under the auspices of the Surgical Dressings committee of New York, and is performing many other valuable services.

Conservation Committee.

Little need be said about the work of the Committee on Conservation; for its labors and successes are well known here in the community, where it has been leading the county and setting a fine example, to the State in increasing the food production and the conservation of all its make.

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THE KIEFER PEAR CROP WILL BEGIN TO MATURE SOON

Will be Unusually Large—Commission Prepares For Demonstrations.

SENATOR COOPER HEARD MR. HOOVER

Nation's Food Administrator Talked Interesting and Optimistically of Food Situation.

If the American nation will economize to the extent of 6 cents per capita daily, half the expense of the German-American war can be saved as the war progresses, this exclusive of the loans made the allies, which do not figure as they will be paid back, according to Mr. Herbert Hoover, these facts being stated before a gathering of gentlemen in Washington the other day of which former Senator W. B. Cooper was one. Russia is failing to play the part she is capable of, in the opinion of Mr. Hoover, because of the fact that the old men, women and children at home are slowly starving to death and this has caused much unrest among the men in the trenches.

In speaking of his visit and of Mr. Hoover's talk, which was of about 45 minutes duration, Mr. Cooper stated, that in listening to this man who occupies a position altogether different from that ever held by any American, that one would conclude that Mr. Hoover was an extremely good business man and that he is optimistic concerning the food situation, primarily because he believes the American people are sensible enough to follow instructions laid down. Mr. Hoover's speech, which was of three-quarters of an hour's duration, was delivered in a well modulated tone of voice and when he had left off talking his able corps of assistants picked up the thread of his narrative and explained the minor details of the plans formulated in an effort to prevent waste and insure success of the war. Mr. Hoover has an able corps of assistants about him, none of whom draw salaries from the government and yet who are doing everything in their power to assist in direction of the nation's food supply.

Another statement from the food administrator was that the food of the average American is 14 per cent. vegetable and that this per cent. could be easily doubled, which would mean a great saving to the country; he pointed out that the average American was inclined to be wasteful, but was optimistic and believed that everything will come out right, as the American is sufficiently intelligent to heed danger signals and do as directed. He stated, according to Mr. Cooper, that the press of the country has accomplished wonderful results, but that persons were beginning to tire of reading articles relative to food and foodstuffs and that it would be necessary to continue hammering, provided the proper results are secured.

And while the nation is talking of food conservation and listening to the plans of Mr. Hoover the farmers of New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick and Columbus counties are preparing to harvest one of the largest Kiefer pear crops in their history and the attention of the County Food Conservation Commission has been called to this by Mrs. Annie P. Pretlow, who urges that everything possible be done in order that this enormous pear crop can be handled without waste. Mrs. Pretlow suggests that these pears be shipped in refrigerator cars to Northern cities, where they can be handled and where they will bring worth-while prices. She further suggests many other methods that will eliminate waste as regards the pear crop.

The executive committee of the Food Commission has decided to arrange for demonstrations in the preserving and pickling of pears, it was announced yesterday afternoon by Chairman W. A. McGirt, and plans will be laid at once looking toward this end. The Kiefer pear crop of the counties above referred to will begin maturing during the middle of the coming month and the season will be of about a month's duration, perhaps a little longer. Mrs. Pretlow states that the Kiefer pear is best just before frost.

Another suggestion of Mrs. Pretlow is that these pears be canned in No. 10, one gallon cans, and sold the government at reasonable prices for use of the enlisted men, the demonstration agent declaring that they would be excellent for this purpose. Announcement will be made in the early future as to the plans of the commission for taking care of the pear crop that will begin maturing at an early date.

LOCATED IN BRAZIL.

Local Negro Located Through American Consulate at Santos.

The ease with which one can be located, regardless of whereabouts, provided the right methods are pursued is forcibly shown by the finding of Arthur Brown, colored, in Santos, Brazil, by Justice G. W. Bornemann, the local notary public acting for Georgian Brown, mother of the boy. Three letters were necessary before relatives were informed by the American consul at Santos that Arthur Brown sailed on the American steamship Santa Rosalia as fireman on July 5th for Baltimore, via Rio de Janeiro, the letter adding that he should be nearing home at this date. If Brown has failed to show up the consul advises that the shipping commissioner in Baltimore be queried as to the whereabouts of the missing party.

For home consumption Great Britain imports about 30,000,000 pounds of coffee annually.

PYTHIANS ARE PREPARING TO DO THEIR BIT

Half Million Dollars to be Raised by Organization For War Relief.

PROCLAMATION OF SUPREME CHANCELLOR

Wilmington Will be Asked to Contribute Approximately Five Hundred Dollars of This Amount.

Local Pythians are preparing to shoulder their part of the half million dollars that is to be raised for war relief purposes by the Knights of Pythias. It is estimated that Wilmington will be called upon for \$500 of this amount, an approximate levy of \$8,000 having been made on the State. Pythians are intensely interested in the project and will proceed about the raising of this money with zest that is characteristic of the organization. The following statement, which is prefaced with the proclamation of Supreme Chancellor John J. Brown, will be read with interest by every Pythian, every friend of the order and every loyal American:

"Humanity is pleading and its prayer must not go unheard. The call of duty and honor—the most sublime sound—its ringing in the soul of mankind—is ringing in the ears of millions of people as the moving fingers of history writes into the annals of ages the achievements that harbor a destiny where civilization shall emblazon its richest and rarest arts, and humanity for all time shall be enthroned.

"Forever gone must be the principle of might and its satellites, tyranny, arrogance and oppression. Freedom of the soul is the God-given heritage of all mankind—not the act of man's mercy. The power of might, where not alive with benevolence, justice and humanity, is a bronzed fetish, and the ages in which it is possible to override human rights by the brutal force of arms is approaching its end. More important than human arrogance is economic power—more important than economic right is the power of civilization.

"Today the universe is a seething cauldron of war, with the peace, integrity and security of nations hanging in the balance—the most stupendous conflict in all the history of the world. The potential horrors of modern warfare cannot be summarized, cannot be lightly considered, nor can the human mind conceive more than a limited impression of the frightfulness of the now-waging titanic struggle.

"Thousands of our best young manhood have gallantly responded to their country's call, scarcely appreciating all that this service may mean, while millions more are listed for whatever service the needs of the future may demand. 'He is the greatest hero, with the finer sense of duty, who has the keener realization of sacrifice, yet falters not an instant.' The ties that link us to home and society take deep root in the human heart, and only can be torn asunder with an anguish that wrings the soul. Service, however great, is incidental—the spirit is everything. It is not the deed, but the doing of it—and here all honor lies. Pythian War Relief Fund of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

"At the annual meeting of the Committee of Finance of the Supreme Lodge, held in July, all members of the committee being present, and with them the Supreme Chancellor, the Supreme Vice Chancellor, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and the Supreme Master of Exchequer, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the committee and approved by the Supreme Lodge officers present:

"To the Supreme Chancellor:— 'Be it resolved, That we, as members of a great fraternity, in common with all citizens of our country and the peoples of other countries, are confronted with the greatest crisis ever known in the history of the world. Believing that, as a fraternity, we are compelled to do a great work apart from our duties and obligations as citizens, and that the time now has arrived when the Order of Knights of Pythias can best emphasize not only its strength but its duty in behalf of humanity, we urgently recommend that you issue a proclamation for the purpose of raising a patriotic Pythian war relief fund of five hundred thousand dollars. Many calls have come to our members as such and as citizens to aid international movements for relief and in behalf of that great suffering which must be borne by all people involved in this crisis. The people of the Dominion of Canada have set a noble example in the generosity of their giving and their sacrifices in blood and treasure. We not only should emulate their example, but, as one of the leading and strongest of modern fraternities, we must enlarge our work by taking on a duty commensurate with our strength and splendid history, the principles that brought Pythian Knighthood into being and that have prospered it during more than a half century of existence. To carry out this recommendation, we suggest that you appoint a Pythian War Relief Council for the Supreme Domain, and in addition thereto similar councils representing the several Grand Domains. We must prepare now for the inevitable—we cannot afford to postpone preparation.

"WILLIAM G. EDENS, "RICHARD S. WITTE, "CHARLES J. DECKMAN, "ALMA M. BROWN, "BENJAMIN D. BRANTLEY, "Committee on Finance.

Approved: "Charles S. Davis, S. V. C., "Fred E. Wheaton, S. K. R. S., "Thomas D. Meares, S. M. E., "Fully realizing the tremendous importance of this step, but firm in the (Continued on Page Two.)

Enlist Today! Enlist with us now in our army of savers who, realizing the duty of preparedness for whatever the future may have in store, are making regular additions to their savings bank accounts. More than 14,000 have already enrolled their names upon our books—nearly one-half of Wilmington's population, and are entrenching themselves in an impregnable position of financial security. Don't be a "Slacker." The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company 110 Princess Street. Wilmington's Oldest Bank North Carolina's Oldest and Largest Savings Bank.

START WORK MONDAY Oglethorpe Candidates to be Drilled By W. L. I. Men.

Wilmingtonians accepted for the second Oglethorpe training camp for officers will be drilled by members of the Wilmington Light Infantry, who will accompany them to the camp and enter to become officers, it was announced yesterday afternoon by Col. Walker Taylor, who stated that every man who had been notified of his acceptance into camp would be expected to report at the W. L. I. Army tomorrow evening at 7:15 o'clock when actual training will start. The accepted ones will leave here on the afternoon of August 25th, as they must report at the camp by the 27th. The preliminary instructions that will be given by the instructors prior to the date of leave will harden the men and put them in good condition for the intensive training they will have to undergo when they reach the camp. The accepted men were addressed by Col. Walker Taylor yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce and were advised to put themselves in as good condition as possible prior to leaving for the camp. The following are included among those who will go to Oglethorpe for training: Messrs. Kenneth O. Burgwin, Sidney J. MacMillan, W. H. Northrop, Jr., F. F. Garrison, Henry Gerdes, Walter C. Bush, A. T. Summey, Robert Strange, Walter W. Sellars, Mr. Boyett, Ernest J. Irving, Walter H. Blair, Mack Wilson, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Houston, Mr. Rhodes, Walter C. Sanders, J. R. Eddy and Hugh Hines.

MRS. GILCHRIST'S FUNERAL.

Will Be Conducted From the Residence This Afternoon at 5 O'Clock. Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. William Gilchrist, whose death occurred late Friday afternoon, will be held from the late residence, No. 708 Market street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

MAKES BID FOR FARM LOAN BONDS

American Bank and Trust Company Would Like to Have First Issue.

It will be of interest to the public to learn that the American Bank & Trust Company, of this city, has submitted a bid for the first issue of \$150,000 of farm loan bonds. The proposal was sent to Mr. D. A. Houston, treasurer, in Columbia, S. C., where the farm bank is located. The offer was par and accrued interest. The bonds bear 4 1/2 per cent. interest and are secured by mortgages on farms, the same being backed by the United States government, of course. The award will very probably be made Monday. It is understood that a number of proposals have been made and it is not unlikely that a higher bid has been made than that offered by the Wilmington institution. The fact that Wilmington has a progressive bank that is willing to take the entire first issue of farm loan bonds for this district, comprising the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, is worthy of note.

DR. RUARK COMMISSIONED.

Brother of City Attorney Is Made First Lieutenant. Dr. Thomas W. Ruark, of Southport, a brother of City Attorney Robert Ruark, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States army but has not been assigned as yet. The commission was received yesterday afternoon being sent in care of City Attorney Ruark and was forwarded on to his brother at Southport. Dr. Ruark is very favorably known here, having at one time been connected with the James Walker Memorial Hospital and his numerous friends will learn with pleasure of his commission.

MILK SHORT YESTERDAY Was Almost Impossible to Buy Milk Drinks

Wilmingtonians or rather a big percent of them who are accustomed to getting their "shakes," egg flips and other milk drinks over the various soda water counters suffered yesterday. Ice cream parlors, drug stores and cafes began running short of milk during the middle of the afternoon and by 5 o'clock many had disposed of their milk supply in its entirety and had scouts out trying to locate a surplus at other fountains but without success. Neither of the two creameries in the city could supply the demands it simply being a question of no milk. It was stated by one gentleman who operates a soda fountain and does a mammoth business that the situation was serious; that the dairyman he had been getting his milk from was disposing of his cows and preparing to enter other business. Milk was expected on the incoming Coast Line train from the North last night and a quantity did arrive, however, it was not sufficient to supply the demands of all consumers.

WEATHER, TIME AND DISTANCE Stand as nought to our Compound Bicycle Delivery. The drugs and chemicals, dispensed by us are of the highest purity. A registered druggist is always on hand to serve you. If that's the kind of service you'd like just phone us. Phones 192 and 193. JAMES M. HALL, Druggist.

The Store of Superior Values Bon Marche (Incorporated) Mail Orders Filled Final Reduction of Summer Wash Dresses We are closing out our Summer dresses to make room for the big stock of early fall garments recently purchased by our buyers in New York City. In fact some of these goods have already arrived and others, which are expected soon will take up the space now occupied by these summer dresses. Necessity knows no value, hence these prices. One third less for any Summer frock of cotton material in the shop. This includes a great number of dresses that were late arrivals and have never been reduced at all. \$10.00 lot of Voile, Crepe and Lingerie Dresses newest styles, exquisite colorings, all sizes, priced special at \$6.67 \$12.50 Summer Dresses, in all sizes, priced special at \$8.34 \$15.00 Summer Dresses, an attractive assortment, some of imported Voiles, all sizes, best shades, priced special at \$10.00 Begin Your Fall Dress Making Now With the aid of the advanced styles shown in the Pictorial Review Pattern book you can begin your Fall dress making now. In urging you to do this, we believe we are doing you a service because, familiar with the market conditions as we are, we can see with absolute certainty that Wool fabrics during the Fall will be much higher than they are today. This does not mean merely a slight advance, but a jump of between 25 per cent and 30 per cent. The wise women who wishes to practice economy will plan her Fall wardrobe early enough to take advantage of the stocks that we now have on hand. Our line is composed of Serge, Cheviot, Broadcloth, Poplin, Mohair, Ottoman Cloth, Shepard Checks and fancy plaid suitings. The range of prices is remarkably low when compared with the manufacturers' lists of today, which in most cases are higher than our retail offerings. Special Prices Prevail in the Summer Wash Goods Dept. Summer Wash Fabrics are being closed out at special prices. The reductions are worth while and many ladies are taking advantage of them. Here is some of the special offerings for this week. 25c Voiles, 36 and 40 inches wide, in all colors, priced special at 19c a yard 50c lot of colored Voiles, 36 to 40 inches wide in pretty patterns, priced special at 29c a yard \$1.00 lot of handsome Eponge striped Voiles, 36 inches wide, priced special at 69c a yard 39c Striped Skirtings, 36 inches wide, leading summer shades, priced to close at 19c a yard 75c Fancy Figured Skirtings, handsome material, special price to close at 49c a yard