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### TUESDAY FIRE DESTROYS SEVEN STORES **ENTAILONG ESTIMATED LOSS OF \$100,000** LOW WATER PRESSURE HANDICAPS MEN

Half of Broad Street Block AT 82, EPISCOPAL District Threatened

WAREHOUSES IN REAR ALSO ARE WIPED OUT

Massengill, Mrs. Gainey, R. M. Wa ren and Dunn Heat and Light Co.
Are Heaviest Losers—Christian
Church Saved By Chemical Tanks.

Losses estimated at close to \$100, 000 were sustained in a fire which kwept seven stores and several warr-houses in the Broad Street block bo-tween Clinton and Wilson Avenues

here early Tuesday morning.
Among the known losses are:
P. T. Massengill, three buildings \$10,000 Mrs. M. F. Gainey, three buildings \$10,000 James Jordan, one building \$4,000

James Jordan, one building
N. A. Bell, one building
Warren Bros. stock
R. M. Warren, stock
M. C. Butler & Co., stock
M. G. Cook, stock
M. Il Lucas, stock
Clif Hamilton, barber shop
N. A. Butler & Co. stock
Butler Bros, stock in warehouses \$5,000 Donn Roofing and Cornice

Co., tools Dunn Heat and Light Co., Jessie Butler, vulcanizing Carolina Telephone Co. cable and wires Town of Dunn, wires and

Little insurance was carried. Probably less than \$10,000 was carried by the losers. Mr. Massengill had \$1,000 on his buildings, Mr. Cook carried \$500, Warren Bros. carried \$2,000 and Mr. R. M. Warren carried \$1,500. Insurance carried by others not known, but it was stated that

is not known, but it was stated that few carried any at all.

The destroyed buildings were some of the oldest of Dunn, many having been moved from their original sites during the brick building boom of several years ago. Except the warehouses, which were of sheet metal, all of them were of wood. Most of the stocks lost were groceries and all of these were large in anticipation of a big Christmas business.

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grocors. These abutted the J. L. Hatcher store, which is of brick. From there it spread eastward and southward to the adjoining stores and the warchouses in the rear, threaten-ing the Proctor residence and the

southward to the adjoining store the warchouses in the rear, threaten the warchouses in the rear, threaten the warchouses in the rear, threaten ing the Proctor residence and the Christian Church to the south and the large wooden stock barns of W. T. Monds to the east.

At a crucial moment the usual water pressure provided by the municipal stand pipe gave out, reducing the hard-worked fire fighters cquing ment to a single high-pressure stream from the fire engine. Two other puny streams were played on the smoking buildings surrounding the stricken page. For him it is a climax to the remendous strain. Firemen armed with chemical tanks aswed the Christian Church when its steeple ignited from the terrific heat to the north.

For a time the entire business district and City Hall were threatened by the blaze, and it was only through the heroic efforts of firemen led by Chief John W. Thornton that it was confined to the relatively small area.

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COL. WATTS QUITS

JOB OF SUPERVISOR

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Harnett County News.

Tom Upchurch, prominent manufacturer of Rasford, bought the Little River power site last week from Mr. Hiram Baggett. This is known as Rich's mill property. Mr. Upchurch says he will develop the property, and the prospects are that he will build a cotton mill near Lillington, which will be furnished with hydro-electric power from Little River.

PROFITEERING AS IS.

Oxford, Eng., Nov. 29.—The first complaint to the profiteering commit-tee of this town came from Dr. Ed-win Cannan who asked for the prose-cution of the chancellor of the exchequer on the ground that a treasury note which "costs less than one penny to produce is being sold in this town at one pound."

More Than Billion Pounds
Sugar Exported Explains
Shortage, Claims Report

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—In the face of a growing scarcity of sugar, more than a billion and a quarter pounds of sugar, valued at nearly \$97,000,000, were exported from the United States during the

from the United States during the first ten months of the present year, a Department of Commerce report issued today shows.

Exports which went largely to the United Kingdom and France, the amount sent out of the country exceeded in quantity 389 per cont. during the same period last year.

While this sugar was being shipped out of the country American importers brought in more than eight and a juarter billion pounds, valued at \$481,424,000. The imports increased only 27 per cent, which in comparison with the much larger export increase, officials were of the opinion, undoubtedly accounts at least in part for the difficulties the American housewife is having in obtaining sugar-from her greesr.

## **PATRIARCH CALLS** . HIS FLOCK TO WAR



The Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D.D.

"Summos the men! Call the women!
Forget not the children!
"Discipline the recruits. Furnish the
munitions and the supplies. Speak to
American Churchmen that they go for-

American Churchmen that they go forward,
"The Son of God goes forth to wer.
The American Church goes with Hlen."
This is the cry of the cidest bishop, the
"Patriarch of America."
It is the message of the Right Rev.
Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, D. D., LL. D.,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diccess of Missouri and Presiding Hishop of the Episcopal Caurch of the United States, to his
lock of more than a million.
He has uttered it from the eminence of
this eighty-two years of life and his fiftytwo years of service as a bishop. It is
his call to the colors of the Nation-Wide
Campaign of the Church, to arouse every
parabar of the Church, to arouse every

the work at home and abroad.

Already this call is the rallying cry of 100,000 men and women, enrolled beneath the benner of the compaign, all over the United States. It has mobilised eighty-four Episcopal dioceses and missionary districts for the campaign. It has put the entire Church behind the movement, through the governing body, the tri-ennial general convention, which recently met in Detroit and gave it formal approval.

### **GERMANS TO SWEEP OUT THEIR MINES**

Navigation in North See Still Dangerous To Navigation By Ships

London, Dec. 5 .- Until the German London, Dec. 5.—Until the Germans complete the sweeping of mine fields they laid in the North Sea there will be considerable danger to shipping in waters ajacent to the British Isles, may British and American naval authorities. Even after that work has ended, which will not be earlier than next summer, there will be some danger which, they predict, will gradually diminish.

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"The American barrage is swept as completely as humanly possible," Admiral Harry S. Knapp, of the American navy, said to The Associated Press correspondent. "After our area had been pronounced 100 per cent clear we reswept 850 square miles of it (about 15 per cent) and found only four more mines. These were at a buoyed spot where the sweepers believed they had missed some."

"The greatest menace now," said Lieutonant Commander Benson, of the International Mine Destroying Committee, "is the unawept German area. Until that field has been cleared there will be a good many drifting mines about. Afterward there will be some danger but it will rapidly diminish as the elements destroy the effectiveness of the mines."

He said the committee accounted for mines as follows: five per cent expode when laid, five per cent are defective, 10 per cent soon become useless through leakage and 50 per cent of the total number laid are destroyed by the different systems of sweeping employed by the British and Americans.

Committee members believe that a great many of the other 30 per cent will be carried by the natural northward currents of the North Sea into Arctic ice packs and destroyed, others will go ashore on the Norwegian coast, as have many already, a great many will become harmless through long presence in the water, and a certain number will be destroyed by patrols which the British navy still is maintaining.

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Also the British navy has just arm Also the British navy has just armed all mcrchantmen, except those calling at Irish ports with high-velocity rifles that they may destroy any mine sighted. So many ships calling at Irish ports have been raided for arms that the admiralty believed it inadvisable to add to this danger.

Two Irish fishing beats off Cork recently sighted a distring hims. This recently sighted a distring hims. The retaining missess to the run.

ports of a drifting mine about 608 miles southeast of New York which officers hope some of the newly-armed merchantmen will destroy if it has not already been rendered harmiese by the elements.

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## CHRISTMAS

By C. A. ASHBY

"For unities is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christophe Lord." Lake 2:11.

On the warly ebbing tide of the year there comes this season, hallowed from of old, which God has given to press the darkness from our spirits, and in the presence of a Baby's birth to set garments is praise and joy upon us.

There is fountains of life from which we may drink eternal strength. Marked cases set for our comfort. Leaves have their time to fat and the stars set. The hues of autumn give place to drearier drs. Dismantled hopes of love and truth are sleeping in their gives, the pathway of the past o'er which we may not return. See voice of prayer, the soft tears of those who weep, rhening such and those in decay, bring the seemingly wide span of human belimation to the time when within the heart of a visitor takes His selled, and God seeks to make us glad in the common aspiration of a childlike day.

"As Mr. Seeley writes: "A gran' resslin' match is goin on in ivery covers iv th' civylyzed globe, an' we're all in a tangle, fightin', quarreline pobling, plundhrin', or murdrin', accordin' to our taste. It what Hogan calls the' struggle f'r existence, an' it'll always god while there's a dollar in the wurruld, a woman, or a ribbon I wear on our coats. But on th' three hundred and sixty-fifth by suddenly we hear a voice: 'Gintilmen, gintlimen, gintlimen,

mas we consider the contribution of the children. hearts will see that the sun shines, that households ove as upon a wedding day. It is one's birthright to hand to inherit the blessings which come from little id men will reconstruct the voices of their childhood; thand are building castles by a baby's side. It is the finfancy. "Except ye be converted and become as in, ye cannot enter in."

tiaches itself to the present life, to the present hour. arthly joys. At Easter the thoughts turn to immorbetter heaven "where death shall be no more." At ar hopes are for this world, because the children have

Christman or hopes are for this world, because the children have come in.

We, the deer folks, have told our tale. What we are, we probably chalf the child makes the world new. No one can reckon its possible and the deer the harbis are the harbis are of hope. They mold and make a better civilisation. They remout an ed.

We said the miseries of living. They are a moral force without an ed.

We said royal dream in deepest wisdom wrought, worthy of the goodly eyes may see, and hope make moist with give; what he fife's task may fall in fallow fields and wonders noble mu to the said that the soul, and sour on victor over self. In the his start within the soul, and sour on victor over self. In the his start within the soul, and sour on victor over self. for little a mant tender task of dally love, which makes diviner the sport, for little a mant tender task of dally love, which makes diviner and tender task of dally love, which makes diviner the sport. The cost of their vows and strength to carry on.

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to love, street the way is live, and told it the way to die.
Achhimhop Tait suddenly lost "five blessed little daughtert."
His good wife writes, "Now constantly, with our daily prayers, we say the thankagiving and commemoration for them: "Lord, Thou hast let Thy little once depart in peace. Lord Jesus, Thou hast received their apirits, and hast opened unto them the gates of everlasting glory. Thy loving spirit leads them forth in the land of rightsousness, unto Thy holy hill, into Thy heavenly kingdom. Thou diest send Th' angles to meet them and to carry kingdom. Thou diest send Th' angles to meet them and to carry kingdom. Thou diest send Th' angles to meet them and to carry kingdom in light and peace, and given them an inheritance with the saints in light. There they reign with Thy elect angule and Thy blessed mints departed. Thy holy prophets and glorious aposties, in all joy, glory felicity, and blessedness, for ever and ever. Amen?"

May every parent with an empty place here upon this carth, in such confidence in Christ see God's sure care upon this Christmas day.

day.

To Christmas every mother gave her share. The prudent and wise tell us many things. But a woman, in her deepest pain, brings in a week and struggling child, and is numbered with the sturdiest champions of good deeds.

It is from the children and the mothers we hope for purity and the smile of God; the end of war, the fall of wrong, calumny's blight. These grow the resources of goodness.

We sail for Eden weather; we seek to link our hands with a guiding stride, and the ambition to live for little children joined

guiling struce, and the ambition to live for little children joined us in the way, the ideal which proclaims the salvation of mankind.

The restless little figures; their velvet touch; lisping tongues which wish to make us understand. Over this world of babyhood a great and glorious expectation settles down. How much is stuked upon Christmas day? The vast love which will express itself then

# URGE THAT LAW

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Beasley, Parents of Child Involved. Write On Godley Case

the time of the commission of the crime.

The evidence upon which Godley was convicted was plain, direct, unmistakable and indisputable, and all the witnesses were of good character. Godley was sean to pick up this child from the street, in the suburbs of the town, about I o'clock p. m., put her into his automobile, and carry her on a back street, in a round about way, out of the town in the direction of Wilson's Mills; was seen and recognized with the child as he passed through Wilson's Mills, then he went east about three miles, woods being on both sides of the road, and took the child from the automobile, under the pretence of gathering flowers, and tarried her into the woods and committed the crims.

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MRS .ASHLEY BEASLEY.

Smithfield, N. C.

MONROE CHAMBER TAKE ITS COURSE REGRETS LOSS OF SECRETARY RIDDLE

Services For Two

To The News and Observer:—Frequent reference has been made in the News and Observer to the case of State vs. C. i. Godley, in which Godley has been indicted, tried, found guilty and sentenced to be electrocated, for rape upon a nine-year-old child. The News and Observer has published letters from Godley, also, as a matter of now has published letters from Godley, also, as a matter of now has published letters from Godley, also, as a matter of now has published letters from Godley, also, as a matter of now has published letters from Godley, also, as a matter of now has published letters from Godley was to speak one word to public, through your valuable paper, in explanation and justifies lion of Godley's sertence and in reply to come statements published?

Godley was indicted for the crimal by an intalligent greated jury of John ston county. He was tried by a petilist of the country of the stone of godley was found guilty and sentenced by faisted and also country. That emisent and also country is trial and controlled the proceedings and the conduct of the case, oddley was found guilty and sentenced to be electrocuted. He gave notice of the case, oddley was found guilty and sentenced to be circurously but abandoned the same, as no crrore could be found in the trial, and his case is now pending before the Governor upon pttition for communities of sentence, upon the grounds or montal and legal irresponsibility at the time of the communities of sentence, upon the grounds or montal and legal irresponsibility at the time of the communities of the town, about 1 o'clock p. m., put her into his automobile, and carry her on a best street, in a round about way, out of the town in the direction of Wilson's Mills; was seen and recognized with the child as he passed through Wilson's Mills; was seen and recognized with the child as he passed through Wilson's Mills; was seen and recognized with the child as he passed through Wilson's Mills; was seen and recognized with the child as he passed through with the child as he passed Following are resolutions passed by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce on the resignation of T. L. Riddle who is to come here as metretary of the Dann Chamber of Commerce: "Whereas, Mr. T. L. Riddle was elected Secretary of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce in January, 1918, and since that time has filled this important position most acceptably to the Chamber of Commerce and to the City of Mouroe, having by his diligence and ability discharged the duties devolving upon his position in such reasons to demonstrate his thorough fitness for the position.

friendship as well as of the community.

"S. That we congrutate Mr. Riddle upon the recognition of merit, which has come to him, and that we congratulate the Dung Chamber of commerce upon scenaring the services of so splendid a Secretary.

That a copy of these resolu-

Washington, Dec. 22.—The peace treaty controversy was revived in its full vigor today just before the Senter of Senter of Senter of the Senter of Senter of the Senter of