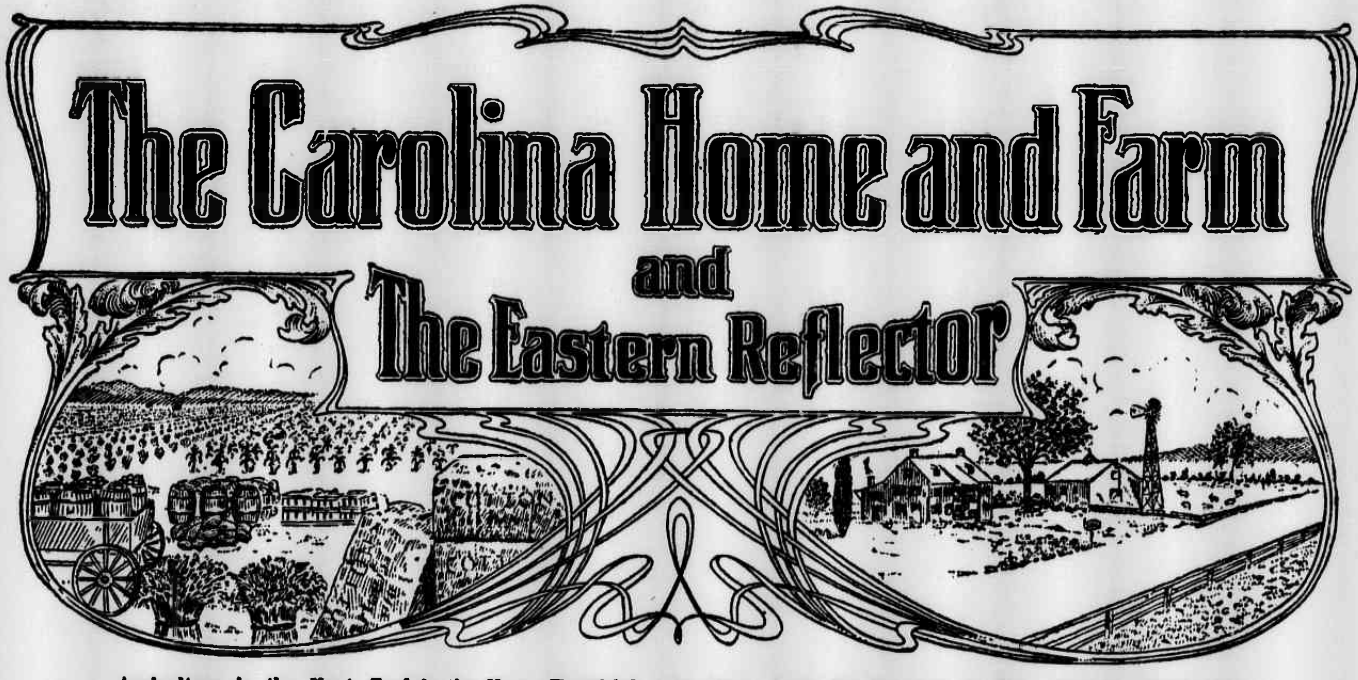


GREENVILLE IS THE HEART OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. IT HAS A POPULATION OF FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, AND IS SURROUNDED BY THE BEST FARMING COUNTRY. INDUSTRIES OF ALL KINDS ARE INVITED TO LOCATE HERE FOR WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF LABOR, CAPITAL AND TRIBUTARY FACILITIES. WE HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE JOB AND NEWSPAPER PLANT.



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Agriculture is the Most Useful, the Most Healthful, the Most Noble Employment of Man.—George Washington.

GERMAN ADVANCE BEFORE WARSAW AGAIN BLOCKED

Austrians Receive Severe Defeat in Southern Poland and in Galicia

NO DEVELOPMENT IN WEST

Kaiser is Quoted As Saying That Germany Will See The War to The End—Germans Admit Reverses.

London, Dec. 29.—Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers, although that coming from the Russian front was highly gratifying to the allies. There has been a slackening of the fighting in Northern Poland between the Lower Vistula and Pivka rivers, where the Russians have captured some German trenches prisoners and guns—and indicating it is believed here, that the German frontal attack on the army guarding Warsaw has been definitely checked.

In Southern Poland the Russians also recorded some successes while in Galicia they apparently have inflicted a defeat on the Austrians almost as serious as that which Emperor Francis Joseph's troops suffered in Servia.

50,000 Prisoners Taken.

Since their latest offensive commenced the Russians have taken 50,000 Austrian prisoners and captured many guns, according to the Russian official report, and if as was estimated Austria has between three and four army corps on its re-entry into Galicia it must have lost more than a third of the number in killed, wounded and prisoners. Muddy roads have prevented the Russians from making the pursuit as effective as it might have been.

Of the fighting in the west the French and German reports are in direct conflict. The French claim to have occupied the village of St. Georges, which is on the main road between Nieuport and Bruges and two miles from the German town. On the other hand the German report says: "We have gained some ground near Nieuport."

Heavy Fighting on Meuse.

Heavy fighting is taking place in the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse. The French report apparently refers to later events than those recorded in Berlin, for Paris tells of the recapture of a trench, which the German communication mentions as having been captured by the Germans. The French are investing Steinberg in Upper Alsace.

News from Germany is coming slowly as cable communication between England and Holland is disturbed by the storm and telegraph wires between Holland and Germany

HIGH WATER IN THE CAPE FEAR

Wilmington, Dec. 29.—The heavy rains of the last several days have caused the Cape Fear river to rise rapidly an yesterday morning it was 41 feet above normal at Fayetteville and was still rising, according to the government record. The sudden rise in the river during the past week has seriously interfered with the construction of the dam at King's Bluff, this being a part of the canalization project of the upper Cape Fear.

Capt. C. S. Ridley, who has direct supervision of the construction of the lock and dam at King's Bluff was making a herculean effort to complete the framework of the dam by January 1st. The last section of the coffer-dam was built and was ready to be put in place several weeks ago. There was sudden rise in the river and it broke loose from its moorings and floated down the river several hundred yards before it was anchored. When the river got back to its normal level it was towed back and was just ready to be put in place again when the river began to rise once more and it was again pushed out of place.

This time, however, the river has not stopped with a rise of a few feet and it is not likely that the section can be put in place before next summer.

MADE HIS CHILDREN BITE MUZZLE OF LOADED PISTOL

We heard recently of a certain Ayden negro (name unknown to us) who enjoyed the recent holidays to the fullest extent, especially so on Christmas morning, when, while under the influence of whiskey, he made his wife and children practice the very dangerous pastime of biting the muzzle of his loaded pistol. His wife's sister was here from a neighboring town, and she too, was invited to bite the gun, and upon her refusal, had to dodge at least two or three leaden balls from said pistol in the hands of the same negro first mentioned. Rather than have her brother-in-law arrested the colored woman immediately cut short her visit and returned to her home. The most we could learn of the whole affair is that the negro with the gun was named "William."—Ayden Dispatch.

HELD LUCKY NUMBER

The brass lamp offered by Carr-Atkin Hardware Co., during the holidays was won by Mr. T. M. Hooker. Each customer spending as much as one dollar at the store was given a duplicate coupon and at the store of the contest a disinterested party drew from the box No. 4107, this being the number corresponding with that held by Mr. Hooker.

have been wrecked in many places.

With the close of the holidays the recruiting boom has recommenced in England. Large numbers enlisted today.

TREATS WAS FROM RUSSIAN CRUISER NORTH CAROLINA NOT MIXED IN TURKISH AFFAIR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Captain Oman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina, at Beirut Syria informed the Navy Department today that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli.

An Athens dispatch published last week said the crew of an American steamer had been attacked at Tripoli south of Alexandretta, when foreign consuls and refugees attempted to board her, and that the North Carolina had threatened to bombard the town.

REPUBLICANS LOOKING TO REVISION OF THE TARIFF

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—A tariff board with a view to readiness for a revision of the tariff in event the Republicans come again into control of the government, is proposed in a bill which Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader of the House, proposes to acquire all information possible relating to cost of production and other tariff problems with power to investigate anywhere in the United States or elsewhere.

Of the five, one would be appointed by the President, one each by the majority committee, and one each by the majority and minority of the House ways and means committee. This would make the members mainly selected by those bodies which have most to do with tariff legislation.

They would not be subject to confirmation by the Senate and while the body in power would have one majority on the board, Dr. Mann's idea is, that with a minority really representative all the information asked by either political side would be obtainable and the scheme worked out fairly. The chief duty would be to map out lines of data to be obtained and to obtain it, with a view to a tariff that would not be either too low or too high.

DRANK WHOLE BUSINESS

Kinston, Dec. 29.—A local man who celebrated Christmas a little out of season and unwisely awoke this morning with a disagreeable belief persisting in his mind. He recollected going down stairs last night in the small hours to satisfy a harrowing thirst. With the pipes all frozen and no water to be had from any other source, he "took a shot" at a tray aquarium in the parlor. He retired again immensely relieved. Upon awaking again, however, he was confronted with the thought that he might have "overdone" the thing when he quaffed so copiously from the fish jar, and went to investigate. Water and gold fish were both gone.

Horse Frozen to Death.

A horse belonging to Ida Jones which was kept in a stable near Johnson & Foxhall's Warehouse was found dead one day last week. It is supposed the horse froze to death. It had been closely clipped and was kept in a stables not very well sheltered during the coldest weather last week.

GOVERNOR IN ASHEVILLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS REST

Asheville Dec. 29.—Governor Craig, accompanied by his son, George Winston Craig, arrived in the city Sunday from Raleigh to attend to some private business matters and will remain here until Thursday morning, he having decided to remain over for the annual banquet of the local bar association Wednesday night, when he will be the principal speaker. While here he is a guest at the Battery Park hotel.

Governor Craig says that at present there is very little transpiring in the state capital except preparations that are being made for the meeting of the general assembly January 6.

MURDER CASE UP NEXT WEEK

New Bern, Dec. 29.—Jesse Creel, the aged white man who on Christmas Eve stabbed to death Gannon Fulford on New South Front Street, will be placed on trial for his life some time during next week. A one week term of Craven county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases (paid cases only) will convene next Monday with Judge Connor of Wilson presiding, and as Creel has not been banded out, he will probably be placed on trial early in the week. The old man does not deny the killing, but sticks like adamant to the story that he first told, and which was to the effect that he did it in self defense. It is said that this is not the first murder which Creel has committed that once before coming to New Bern he slew a man. Whether this is correct is a matter of doubt. Laura Creel, who is doubtless the cause of the whole affair, is yet living at No. 3 New South Front Street, and will probably remain here until after her father's trial.

MORE HE KILLS, MORE COME.

Kansas Farmer is Waging a Hopeless War Against Rattlesnakes.

J. A. Miller, a farmer living in Gove county, began a war on rattlesnakes six years ago, when he was bitten by one large reptile and his life was in danger for several days. He at once declared war on the rattlers and determined that his farm should be rid of them. Every summer he has killed fifteen to twenty, but this year he dispatched thirty-three. The reptiles seem to be increasing on his land, his neighbors say, notwithstanding the number killed annually. On the adjoining farms rattlesnakes are rarely seen, and just why they are so plentiful in one spot and so hard to exterminate is a problem that people of Gove county are trying to solve.—Salina (Kas.) Dispatch to Chicago Tribune.

New Justice for Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Three Supreme Court Justices will be inaugurated tomorrow, Chief Justice Hugh L. Nichols, chosen for a six-year term, Justices Thomas A. Jones and Edward S. Matthias. The latter two were elected at the November election.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

The Christmas Party by the Sunday School of the Christian church postponed from last night on account of the weather conditions will be held on Friday night in the Center Brick Warehouse, when the building will be heated sufficiently for the occasion.

The members of the congregation have a cordial invitation to be present, and should any pupils of the school know of a little boy or girl not attending any Sabbath school they too will be welcome.

A male quartette is expected to furnish music on this occasion and an enjoyable evening is promised.

GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE COMMERCIAL DAILY PAPER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—To promote the foreign commerce of the United States the government will go into the newspaper business January 2, next, when the first number of "The Daily Commercial Report" will be issued by the Department of Commerce. In it will be carried all important commercial cablegrams received from the attaches at the various embassies abroad and from consular offices throughout the world. It also will contain brief abstracts of the findings of investigators of the department in many line of American enterprise, and will present to the business world each day the gist of the business of the Department of Commerce for the preceding day.

The plan for a commercial daily was worked out by Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau of foreign and Domestic Commerce. The new publication will take the place of the daily consular reports now issued.

E. A. Brand, assistant chief of the bureau, who returned today from an extended tour of inspection of the bureau, reported that the branches were meeting with a cordial reception from business houses and were working to full capacity in co-operation with merchants and manufacturers.

Krupps Increase Capital

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The first payment on the additional capital for the big Krupp gun works at Essen will be made tomorrow. As usual, the Krupp family will take up the new stock. The increase of capital is occasioned by the heavy demand for war material and big guns to meet the German emergency. The capital of the Krupp Company was 75 million marks, and is to be increased to 250 million marks of \$82,500,000. part of the new subscription to be paid in tomorrow. The directors also decreased the dividend this year from 14 to 12 percent. They have assigned 3 million marks towards the relief of soldiers' families, 2 million to the employees' furlough fund and one million marks to the employees' pension fund.

New year resolutions are in the making.

Some of them could well afford to swear off.

Even the pavements are not free from mud.

Death Rate Reported For This State Has Been Greatly Reduced

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Although the death rate in North Carolina has been reduced 1.2 since 1911, it is still 2.5 higher than the average in the United States according to figures compiled by the Vital Statistics Bureau and given out by the State Board of Health yesterday. These figures are only for towns of 1,000 or more. From these it would seem that North Carolina's total death rate was 18.3 per 1,000 in 1911; 17.3 in 1912; and 17.1 in 1913. The need of more and better health work is indicated by the fact that the average death rate in the registration area of the United States is only 14.6 per 1,000 as against 17.1 in North Carolina.

Upon examining the death rates for the various causes of deaths, the chief source of our high death rate is found to be due to preventable diseases, such as typhoid, tuberculosis, diarrheal diseases among children, measles and whooping cough, while in the old-age diseases, our death rate is lower than the average in the United States.

As an example of our death rate take typhoid fever which is over four times the average. Three times as many people die from measles and four times as many from whooping cough as are due to die. Our tuberculosis death rate is 54 per cent higher than the average in this country. To be more specific we have 1,840 more deaths every year from this dread disease than we should have, and what is more significant every one of the 5,300 deaths from this disease are as unnecessary as the useless deaths now occurring on the European battlefields. Pneumonia is responsible for 2,900 needless deaths and diarrheal diseases among children 3,000 and so on down the list.

Our death rate seems to be about seventeen per cent higher than the average for the United States, but it is slowly decreasing thanks to our rapid adoption of improved health methods.

Meeting the Opposition.

A member of the Democratic national committee tells of an "old timer" who, during the last campaign, took the stump in Iowa. It does not appear whether he gathered many converts to the party creed or not, but he certainly added to the humor of the situation.

On one occasion, when a vast crowd had gathered to hear him hold forth, he addressed them in this wise:

"Fellow citizens, our opponents are resorting to every form of dishonesty, deception, and underhand trickery to corrupt the voters. But, fellow citizens, we warn them, 'we warn them, fellow citizens, that that is a game that two can play at!'"—New York Times.

Such a rainy spell as this makes the people wish for good roads.