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WE extend to our friends and patrons our sincere appreciation for their generous patronage during the year 1912, and desire their help, co-operation and continued patronage for the incoming year. Our country truly is prosperous. No section of our Southland is making greater progress than the Carolinas. All lines of industry seem to be on the upward tendency; our factories, our schools and our benevolent institutions are a source of pride to us all. We congratulate our people for the rapid strides that have been made in all lines, but above all, we wish to congratulate our farmer friends on their intelligent method of deep plowing, soil drainage, rotation of crops and a wise and judicious use of applying commercial Fertilizers.

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ENTERS THE NEW YEAR 1913

The Good Old Year of 1912 Passed Out at Midnight—The Usual Noise—Today Will be Observed as Holiday.

Amid the chorus of church bells, marine and locomotive whistles, small horns, fire crackers and the shouts of hundreds of persons gathered on the streets and attending night watch parties in different parts of the city, the year of 1912 passed out at midnight last night and the year 1913 was ushered in. The noisy celebration of another turn of the cycle of time began a few minutes before the clock struck 12, and continued for several minutes afterward.

Night watch services were held in a number of churches and night watch parties were held at many homes. The services at Immanuel Presbyterian church began at 8 o'clock and continued until the birth of the new year. The service was in charge of Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor, and was of a most impressive nature.

At Sixth Street Advent Christian church also the services began at 8 o'clock and continued until midnight. These services are held at this church every year and are always largely attended and very interesting.

The Christian Endeavor Society had charge of the services at the First Presbyterian church, and there was a large attendance. Services were held at several other churches, and there were a number of night watch parties at different residences in the city. Today is a legal holiday, and will be pretty generally observed in Wilmington. The banks and public offices will be closed, and the postoffice will observe holiday hours. Business will be pretty much at a standstill.

Carolina Declares Dividend. Among the older and more strongly entrenched Wilmington enterprises that enters upon the New Year enjoying prosperity, confidence and respect is the Carolina Insurance Co. Elsewhere in today's paper, Secretary M. S. Willard gives notice that the directors recently met and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock of the company. This is no new thing with the Carolina, but in connection with the dawning of the New Year it is gratifying to know that all of Wilmington's enterprises have kept the pace and continue to enjoy prosperity.

A white man apparently about 50 years old, said to be G. H. McClary, of Laurinburg, is reported headquarters for safe keeping, having been taken there upon the arrival of the belated Seaboard train early this morning. McClary was a passenger on the train for Wilmington and shortly before the train reached the city he apparently became violently insane and it required several persons to keep him from tearing up things in the car.

BUILDING AND LOANS

Wilmington Being Cited As An Example to Other Cities

In Greenville, S. C., they are just taking up the building and loan idea and among the leaders in a movement for the organization of a new one to be known as the Greenville Building & Loan Association, it is a pleasure to note the names of Mr. J. W. Norwood and of Col. Wm. F. Robertson, formerly of this city. Col. Robertson is endorsing the building and loans refers to Wilmington in the following language:

"Wilmington, N. C., has eight building and loan associations and all the people believe in them. Their encouragement of thrift in young men makes them strong moral agencies. I do not think it an exaggeration to say that in the last 15 years the building and loan associations have helped to build four out of every five homes constructed there. Five shares taken out in a building and loan association when just of age resulted in my having a comfortable home in a few years. Get the habit, you will soon have money, but no matter how prosperous one becomes, he will continue to carry stock where it pays so well and payments are so little burdensome. These associations are great community builders."

Col. Robertson had the misfortune to become a resident of some other city than Wilmington a year or two ago and he should revise his figures as to the strength of the local associations. "He should keep up," says a mutual friend, "Wilmington now has, not eight, but 13 building and loan associations."

And it might be added that their combined resources would make the combined resources, even of Wilmington's strong banks, sit up and take notice.

RELATIONS REMAIN THE SAME

Treaty Between America and Russia Expired at Midnight.

Washington, December 31.—The expiration at midnight of the treaty of trade and commerce between America and Russia, marking as it does, a complete failure of diplomacy to adjust grave issues between the two countries, throws upon the administrative and judicial officers of the government the whole burden of the maintenance of the traditional friendly relations between the two countries, as well as the conservation of a rapidly expanding trade already amounting to more than \$50,000,000 annually. The treaty which had been in effect since 1832, was denounced by the United States as a result of popular feeling against Russia's refusal to recognize passports issued to American Jews. No negotiations likely to result in a new treaty are in progress. The condition that heretofore govern must exist solely by virtue of administrative orders and through the exercise of powers common to all nations under international law.

St. Petersburg, December 31.—It is stated here that the purpose of the Russian government to maintain the present tariffs and the procedure re-

garding the admission of Americans, including Hebrews after the termination at midnight of the formal commercial Russo-American treaty, in virtue of an informal modus vivendi arranged at Washington.

The treaty thus will continue practically unchanged so far as the interest of the two parties are concerned. The other existing Russo-American treaties were not affected by the American denunciation of the agreement of 1832.

WOMEN ADMITTED.

Suffragettes Receive Word of Encouragement from The Army League.

Washington, December 31.—Suffragettes received a word of encouragement from the army league of the United States, which has decided that its membership may include "all citizens of good repute, both men and women." The organization while only recently formed, includes in its membership such names as Theodore Roosevelt, Granville Dodge, Robert Bacon, Curtis Guild, William C. Endicott, August Belmont, Henry A. DuPont, and the adjutants general and prominent military officers of many of the States. It is non-political.

Following an announcement today that a meeting is to be called soon to elect permanent officers, a committee representing the league and consisting of Henry White, former ambassador to France; Lieut. Gen. J. C. Bates, U. S. A., retired, and Frederick J. Huidobro, retired, issued a circular letter explaining its aims and objects. The letter says in part:

"We believe we should have a regular army strong enough to meet the emergencies of the hour and that back of it, engaged in their civic pursuits, should be a sufficient number of trained citizens to augment this army to a force adequate to meet the requirements of war with a first-class power."

"The army league desires to impress upon the people of this country the fact that all citizens have a certain military as well as civic responsibility and that they should prepare themselves to discharge this responsibility in an efficient manner."

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Representative Pujol, of Louisiana, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and currency, which is investigating the money trust, is in New Orleans en route to Washington. Mr. Pujol said today that the committee expected to close the investigation by January 15th and at once begin the analysis of the testimony and preparation of the committee's report so that it will be presented to Congress not later than February 1st.

New York, Dec. 31.—Meetings in front of the homes of each of the 74 New York City members of the new State Legislature tonight, on the eve of the New Year and of the legislative session, is the programme which women suffragists propose to carry out. Many of the women have foregone dinner parties and holidays to participate in the city-wide campaign.

CASTRO WANTS TO RETURN TO EUROPE

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was an uprising in Caracas and Gomez declared himself President. Castro protested from Berlin, but took no active step until March, 1909, when he sailed from France bound for Trinidad. The British government told him he would not be allowed to land in Trinidad, so he disembarked at Martinique. France promptly decided to expel him from this island and the local authorities one day broke into his room, in spite of his angry protests that he was a sick man and carried him on board a steamer for France. Since this experience Castro has been living in Spain and other parts of Europe in seclusion. A few weeks ago he appeared in Paris and 10 days ago he sailed for New York. Previous to 1908 Castro had never traveled beyond the confines of northern South America. He was born in the Venezuelan Andes about 1844. He secured the Presidency of Venezuela by a successful revolution in 1899. He is credited with having a considerable fortune.

U. S. Will Let General Leave. Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States government will gladly waive all impediments to Gen. Cipriano Castro's leaving America quickly for Europe in any manner he pleases, according to a statement tonight by Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

"I have given Gen. Castro permission to be interviewed and permission to have his photograph taken and I will certainly do anything in my power to facilitate his departure by any steamer," said the secretary. Castro's decision to sail for Europe has solved, in the judgment of the officials here, the perplexing problem as to what to do with him. Secretary Nagel has before him a pile of papers reciting the spectacular career of this once powerful South American who has been buffeted from shore to shore in his efforts again to find a home on the Western hemisphere. The information gathered by the State Department was for consideration in case Castro persisted in his efforts to enter. Seldom has an alien knocking at the doors of the United States attracted so much attention. Secretary Nagel today granted the request of a motion picture concern to take a moving picture of the picturesque Venezuelan, provided he is willing.

KILLED BY A SHOTGUN.

Charles Miller, Winston-Salem, Fatally Wounded by Accidental Discharge. Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 31.—Charles Miller, aged 15, was shot and fatally wounded late yesterday by his cousin, Ralph Johnson, aged 15, when the latter's shotgun was accidentally discharged. The boys were returning from a hunting trip near Mount Airy. Miller was only a few feet away from Johnson, the entire charge from the shotgun entering the abdomen. He lived a few hours.

BANQUETS FOR THORPE.

World's Best Athlete With His Friends Hunting in Oklahoma. (From the Baltimore Sun.)

James Thorpe, the Sac and Fox Indian famous as the world's champion all-round athlete and Carlisle School football player, is spending the holidays with Oklahoma friends. His reception by the Indian tribesmen and the white citizens of the State has been one continuous series of banquets and civic welcomes. The entire State is extremely proud of Thorpe, and there is no limit to the enthusiasm. The leading bankers and merchants have organized hunting parties and dinners for the winner of the Olympic pentathlon and decathlon until Thorpe is reported to have asked for a relief from the round of festivities.

The Indians themselves, while not so demonstrative, are very proud of the record made by their kinsman, but, like Thorpe, they are stoical and their pride in him is shown more in their actions than in words. All the bucks were glad to get a chance to accompany him on his hunting trips, and they had picked out in advance the secret places of the deer, wild turkeys and quail, in order that Thorpe might have the best hunting that the former Territories now afford.

Honors are being thrust upon Thorpe from every side. It is hoped that he will be one of the features at the Denver Indian festival in 1915. Efforts to secure Thorpe to handle the athletic events of the exposition, in which residents of 39 tribes will participate, are already being made. Getting Thorpe's signature to a Denver contract for 1915 will be one of the first efforts of the executive committee of the Colorado Publicity League when that organization is perfected.

NEW RATE CLASSIFICATION.

"Western No. 62" Remains Under Suspension by Commission.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The proposed new freight classification known as "Western classification No. 62" directly affecting rates and regulations on railroads not only west and south of Chicago, but throughout the country, remains under suspension by the Interstate Commerce Commission, according to the terms of a report of its investigation announced today by the commission.

The suspension will continue until February 14, or until the interested carriers shall have complied with the suggestions made by the commission. The construction of "classification No. 51" was an effort on the part of the Western railroads to comply with the commission's desires for 15 years to secure uniformity of freight classification.

The commission's inquiry disclosed the fact that the new classification, while it reduced rates in about one-half of the instances, where changes were made, increased them in the other half, the resultant level of rates being somewhat higher than at present. Hundreds of changes in the classification are suggested by the commission, designed to secure more

STRIKERS IN RIOT.

Garment Workers Storm Factory—Number of Arrests Made.

New York, Dec. 31.—Several lively riots and a number of arrests today marked the strike of the Garment Workers. The most serious trouble was at the factory of Smith, Gray & Company, in Williamsburg, where the police reserves had to be called out to drive away five or six hundred men and women who tried to storm the building.

The strikers attempted to climb the fire escapes to reach the 350 employees working on the top floor and for nearly an hour the fight continued. Strikers and their sympathizers attacked several other factories and at one place 10 were arrested. Clothing manufacturers, after a con-

ference this afternoon, declared that 75 per cent. of the employes of non-union shops were still at work. The strikers, on the other hand, maintain that their forces number about 87,000 men and 15,000 women.

The strikers had several conferences during the day and declared that they would accept no compromise. They threaten to extend the strike to other cities if their demands for higher wages and better working conditions are not satisfied.

New York, December 31.—Supreme Court Justice Bijur today signed an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce in favor of Mrs. Nellie H. Chase from Hal Chase, first baseman of the New York baseball team, American League. Mrs. Chase is awarded the custody of their son, Harold, Jr., and \$1,200 a year alimony.

Batesburg, S. C., Dec. 31.—W. Pickens Cullen, 70 years old, and a veteran merchant, committed suicide this afternoon at his home this afternoon by cutting his throat with a knife. He was a veteran of the war between the States serving in the Confederate army for four years.



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