

# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Bravest of brave sweet blossoms in all of the garden-row;  
Fair, when most of the flowers shrink from the winds that blow;  
Gay, when the dismal north wind wails through the tree-tops dumb;  
Breathing a breath of gladness is the brave chrysanthemum.

One is of tawny color, another of cardinal glow,  
As the cheek of a sun-warmed maiden, and reddest of wine will show  
While some are of gorgeous yellow, like gold in a monarch's crown,  
And some of a royal purple, dusted with softest down.

Some of a creamy whiteness, touched to a rosy blush,  
As the snow of the lovely Jungfrau glows with a sunset flush;  
Some flame at the heart, pearl-petaled, and lavender hued are some;  
Yet each of them, crude or cultured, just a brave chrysanthemum.

—MRS. MARY E. DODGE.

## Picked Up Around Town

### Chiroprapist Locates Here.

Dr. M. Buettner, of New York city, chiroprapist, has arrived in the city, and will spend some time in the practice of his profession. He has brought with him his full office equipment and is located at the Orton barber shop.

### R. E. L. Brown in Extremis.

Many Wilmington friends and hundreds throughout the state will hear with much regret that R. E. L. Brown, prominent business man of Chadbourn, Columbia county, was not expected to live through last night, following an operation in Columbia, to which he went several days ago. His brother, Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, left there yesterday for Columbia to be with his brother.

### MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS OF NAVIGATION-PILOTAGE

#### Board Thankful That None Of Its Members Died During The Epidemic.

The regular November meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage was held yesterday. Present were Chairman James Sprunt; Vice-Chairman Walter Smallbones, and Commissioners C. C. Chadbourn and T. F. Wood.

The chairman expressed the thankfulness of the board to Almighty God for sparing the members of this time-honored institution through the recent pestilence of influenza which was for four weeks epidemic in Wilmington, during which time there, 10,000 cases and over 200 deaths.

He said that it would gratify the commissioners to learn that in this emergency a great many cases of utter destitution were relieved by the use of 50 of the beds at the Seamen's Home.

The chairman said he had compiled with the request of the board to write an expression of sympathy for their colleague, Capt. William St. George, who was recovering from a very serious illness. Following is his reply:

"Dear Dr. Sprunt: I have received your good letter of the 26th inst. which I heartily appreciate. The knowledge that you have had me in mind and in your prayers is more of a consolation than I can express, and I am deeply sensible of the great help good friends are, as we go along the journey. For many years my association with the Cape Fear and the men who are interested in our great waterway, as given me a love for the sea, and for those who go down to the sea in ships, and those who are interested in the sea. I cannot refrain from saying that among all the men of my acquaintance, none are held in higher esteem than you, my good friend.

"I am glad to tell you that my health is better, and I am able to get around now, but feel keenly the effects of my sickness. Please tell the board of my deep thanks for their kind message.

"I sincerely trust that your own health is improving, and that we both may be associated for many years to come with the lower Cape Fear, and that our labors may add to its traditions and that we may help to keep alive its sturdy reputation.

"With expression of my esteem and good wishes, I am, sincerely yours,  
(Signed) WILLIAM ST. GEORGE."

A letter from Mrs. Rankin, widow of the late clerk, Capt. John T. Rankin, acknowledges the courtesy of the board in appointing her to the vacancy for the remainder of the term was read and filed.

The application of Pilot O. D. Burries for a renewal of his branch, which was deferred while he was in government service abroad, was agreed to.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

### MRS. J. T. RANKIN, Clerk.

### MR. BAILEY RETURNS FROM Y. M. C. A. SERVICE IN FRANCE

#### His Health Would Not Permit Him to Remain in France.

H. B. Bailey, a well known Wilmington citizen, has returned to Wilmington after a brief but pleasant stay in France where he went as a Y. M. C. A. worker. He has not severed his connection with the association, however, and expects to find more pleasant work in the state.

Mr. Bailey volunteered for overseas Y. M. C. A. service several months ago. He received his call in July and left here for New York August the first. He received his physical examination there, was passed and sailed for France. However, he had not been across very long when he was taken sick and was confined in a Paris hotel for 13 days. Mr. Bailey said those 13 days were very unpleasantly, in addition to being a "kick" as he was in a French hotel with no one who could speak the English language, and he could not speak French. But they did the best they could for him and as soon as he was able to take the trip he sailed for New York.

Mr. Bailey developed a bronchial trouble shortly after his arrival in France which was greatly responsible for the unpleasantness of his stay "over there" and entirely responsible for the advice of physicians to the effect that he could not stand the climate of that country.

Mr. Bailey said he was in the warehouse department and that his work consisted of anything that came to hand from stevedoring up. He was located in Northern France in the vicinity of Verdun, and all the while he was in sound of the "guns," being "close up" at times. It was anything but a pleasure trip, Mr. Bailey stated.

He will remain with the association but will be assigned to duty in this country, just where he has not been advised.

### Serious Riots Occur.

London, Nov. 6.—Serious riots have occurred at Aussig, Bohemia, and Pottau, Syria, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Soldiers and civilians plundered shops and factories and several houses were set on fire. Many persons were killed.

### Kaiser Thanks Troops.

Amsterdam, Nov. 6.—The German emperor has sent messages to the western army groups thanking them for their "extraordinary achievements" and expressing his gratitude to the troops on the Oise and the Aisne, "whose bravery has frustrated the great plans of the enemy."

## JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Last week I told you about the nut kernels, 200 of which makes enough carbon for one mask, and if we Juniors work as hard as they have promised to, there will be enough to furnish our army.

We have had a chandelier, hoop iron, and other pieces which will be stored in the attic at 110 Orange street, until we have enough to put on sale. Every little helps, and if we do all the chapter wishes us to we will soon be bankrupt, but we are going to ask for credit to buy that big bolt khaki. We are so pleased with the last lot of comfort kits, and all the things that go therein, that we have decided to make these up for Christmas gifts to the boys.

Conservation is the most important thing now and we who had plenty are being taught to conserve, thereby enabling us to furnish many commodities to the fighters "Over There" in a letter from Sgt. Andrew Harris, Jr. he gives us an idea of how the French people conserve. The American soldier knew not the value of anything until he bunked with the French soldier. He tells us that France in some ways is a century behind the times, and it would amuse us to see the boys who help brush in the tread mill, that walks around in a circle with his collar attached to the bar grinding grain, and threshing wheat. The flower garden is now a corn field, but you remember I told you that the boys who help brush the packs of the tired French soldiers will also help him to lay out the flower garden.

The children are taught by the Sisters of Mercy, and part of the day they spend in the fields, gathering wheat and the soldiers often help, for the good French woman has allowed these boys to sleep in her stable. This must be a wonderful picture, the Sisters of Mercy, the hundreds of cows, sheep and the calves in the distance, the soldiers and the sunny faces of the children, dressed in their big straw hats and wooden sabots (sabots, Holland-like shoes). These shoes are used to conserve leather. They are wearing also woven slippers, another evidence of their saving, for everything is utilized in France. For instance a tree is felled, the timber is put aside, the small limbs are used for firewood, and the brush is made into brooms. We think the French people the greatest world, and we do owe them a big debt, but we hope to prove to them our loyalty before the war.

This soldier as military policeman had to try to negotiate a ride from village to village, and stand on a high place to see these beautiful little towns symmetrically laid out, so he may tell us many things about the peasantry and the life of the country. He remarks that the boys who help brush in the villages, old maids and their cats, and many wounded soldiers who call him the "Petite Sergeant" pronounced (petea sawg new) into his life, as it does ours, though these have passed, and the memory only lingers, for he is near the front and is hunting for a Boche bunker.

He winds up his letter by saying that he "wishes the workers every one could be with us, and see what the Red Cross means to us. We love them, next to our rifles and bayonets, and believe that the Red Cross is the best thing in a stitch in the sack that ties up the "crown boy." The Juniors will profit by our experiences.

Education comes first in our Junior work, production second, and the most important of the three, but we must be prompt and pay our dues so we may not be in debt to the society.

Owing to the fact that the schools of the city and county have opened for work and that the teachers and principals have properly shown the children that it is their duty to join the Junior Red Cross we wish to say that all boys and girls who are not financially able to pay for their membership, thus getting all boys and girls in the city into the Junior organization.

Let all the boys and girls in Wilmington and New Hanover join heart and hand in putting their school on a hundred per cent basis, thereby proving once again that the boys and girls back home are worthy of their brothers and sisters across the seas.

MRS. ANDREW H. HARRISS.

### OFFICIAL CANVASSMADE.

Total Democratic vote was 1,179, Republican, 1,121.

The official canvass of the New Hanover county vote in Tuesday's election, made at the court house at noon yesterday, made little changes in the totals as carried in The Star yesterday morning.

The official canvass shows that the vote, including republicans, was 1,210. John M. Morehead, republican candidate for senator, polled the highest total of republican candidates, but his was only 31.

The official vote was: Simmons, 1,179; Morehead, 31; Godwin, 1,156; A. L. McCaskill, 28; Judge Walter Clark, 1,173; W. S. Bynum, 27; W. B. Cooper, for state senate, 1,132; L. Clayton Grant, for house of representatives, 1,095; E. T. Burton, solicitor, 1,059; W. N. Harris, clerk of the superior court, 1,122; W. S. Blair, register of deeds, 1,113; S. E. Aden, coroner, 1,079; George C. Jackson, sheriff, 1,168; W. P. McLaughlin, county commissioner, 1,059; G. W. Trask, county commissioner, 1,078; George Harris, recorder, 1,196; J. A. Orrell, auditor, 1,121; J. F. Head, public defender, 1,032; B. Solomon, member board of education, 1,051; Magistrates for Wilmington township: G. W. Boremann, 231; W. McD. Evans, 711; J. F. Moore, 715; Constable, A. Silverman, 784. Six month schools: For, 994, against 11. Tax exemption: For 989, against 23.

—Sergeant H. Woodward Howell of the police force, who has been laid up for weeks with foot trouble, undergoing an operation meanwhile, is able to be out again, and was down town yesterday, but is not yet able to report for duty.

## SENATOR SIMMONS IS HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE

Expresses His Gratitude to the People of State—Pleased Over Mr. Brinson's Election.

(Special Star Telegram).

New Bern, Nov. 6.—Senator F. M. Simmons today authorized the following statement:

"My heart is overflowing with gratitude to the people of North Carolina for the generous treatment accorded me in the magnificent endorsement given in yesterday's election."

Senator Simmons is spending a few days at his home here and at his farm near the city. This evening he stated that he was highly gratified over the election of Hon. S. M. Brinson as congressman from the Third district.

"The people will never have cause to regret the sending of this fine man to congress. He will make a fine impression in Washington and will do his duty by his president, his party and his country. I feel that when all returns are in, the senate will be in democratic majority."

Tonight Senator Simmons was in receipt of another telegram from Washington announcing that Major General Goethals had handed the letter of award for the construction of 14 concrete river steamers to the Newport Ship Building corporation, which will build these vessels at New Bern, Messrs. Arnold and Engstrom, officials of the company will leave Washington Thursday night for New Bern and have urged Senator Simmons to remain here if possible over Friday, to assist them in getting started with the preliminary plans, including the selection of a site. Senator Simmons will remain here if possible although he had arranged to be back in Washington Friday.

## AMERICANS AT DUN WON RANK OF HEROES

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culity of the task and realized how well-nigh impossible its accomplishment would be. Yet they never doubted or hesitated.

The orders were to send over one brigade first and if it failed, to send another and others, one after the other, if it became necessary. It was with dash that the Americans tackled the problem. Theoretically they had the choice in crossing anywhere for five miles. Actually, they were limited to one point where two-thirds of a mile of mud lay between the river itself and the canal that roughly parallels the river.

The Germans were too firmly entrenched at all other spots. They had not protected themselves with trenches here, only because they never dreamed that the Americans would be so daring as to try to negotiate the passage. This was a short distance north of Briellies.

All the swimmers of the first brigade were first singled out and put in the water and intended to attack in this way on the theory that the swimmers were less likely to be hit by the Germans, owing to the fact that they would be nearly submerged. On the other hand, they could carry with them ropes and other paraphernalia for assisting non-swimmers across.

The building of pontoon bridges was put off until at least some American elements had crossed the river.

Notwithstanding some losses and the fact that the swimmers could not defend themselves, many of them reached the west bank of the river with lines which were drawn taut across the stream. Others floated on rafts and collapsible canvas boats.

These men had less success than the swimmers, because they were better marked for the enemy's rifles and the boats could easily be sunk by bullets even if their occupants were not hit.

Close to where the swimmers crossed the engineers began to throw over pontoon bridges and a tiny footbridge. The pontoons were destroyed by the enemy, but the footbridge remained intact and added materially to the

constant increasing number of men arriving on the east bank of the river. Soon after dark the first brigade was across the first barrier and more men were ready to make the journey.

The second phase of the perilous undertaking then began—the crossing of the kilometer of mud stretching between the river and the canal which, though it was under a tremendous enemy fire was not held by infantry. The Americans stumbled across the mud through the withering fire. Their feet sank into the mud and soon the pace of the men was slowed down to a laborious walk. Nevertheless, they got through, even if the task caused some depletion in their numbers.

The next phase constituted the crossing of the narrower, but deeper, canal with its sheer sides and with the Germans almost at the very top of the eastern edge. The swimmers again got into action and plunged through notwithstanding the enemy fire and scrambled to the top. Here the men divided their attention in driving off the enemy and helping non-swimmers across by the same method used at the river. Two bridges finally were laid down by the engineers, greatly facilitating crossing. These two bridges withstood attempts of the enemy to destroy them and contributed largely to the speed in getting the American troops over.

When the swimmers reached the edge of the canal they could not land without the aid of grappling hooks, which had to be caught onto the top of the wall edging the canal so that the swimmers could pull themselves up by means of ropes. It would have been a hard enough task for men undisturbed by the enemy's guns, but its accomplishment was almost inconceivably difficult under the violent enemy fire.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—John F. Rhodes, of New Bern, is spending a short time in the city on business.

—A. E. Beddingfield, chief field officer of the revenue department, eastern district, was in the city yesterday on income tax business.

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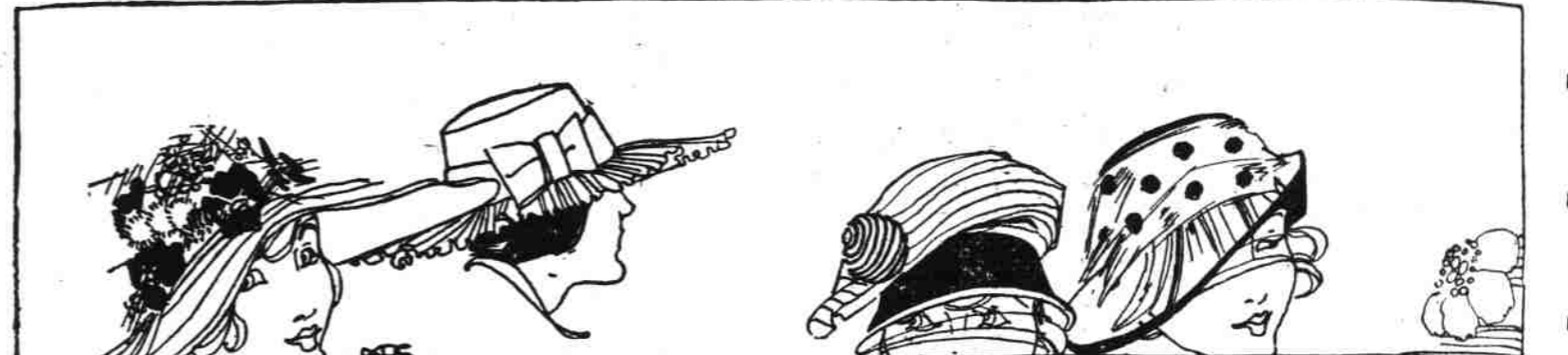
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