

With Wilmington Shipbuilders

Doings of the Men Who Are Building Boats in Pershing's Bridge of Ships.

Rapid progress is being made on the ways at the Liberty Shipyard. On way No. 2 approximately 60 per cent of the bilge curves have been erected, and a large portion of the boards for the outer forms of the ship have been put together. On way No. 3 much of the shoring or the ship's cradle it might be called, since it supports the forms and the ship in its curved, hollowed-out surface, has been set in position, and the carpenters in the carpenter shop are laboring literally day and night to construct the rest of the shoring for this way. The thin strips of boarding sawed from southern pine which are used in building the forms are treated to a bath in a mixture of kerosene oil and kerosene before they are used on the ways. A dipping vat has been constructed on the yard, and each board is dipped in this solution. This makes the boards water-proof and prevents any swelling or warping of shape when they are subjected to exposure to the weather or when the cement is poured into the forms.

The offices of the service department of the Liberty shipyard yesterday looked like a German trench raised up on the banks of the Delaware. Six of the members of the service department's organization were absent from the yard, five of them ill and one, Manager Van Gevt, away on business. The offices, therefore, looked bare and deserted and did not present the usual impression of a busy great pressure. During the latter part of last week Old Man Influenza raised the department to a high state of alarm. The force, Mrs. Eiler, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Audi; and yesterday morning Mr. Cruser developed such emphatic symptoms of the "flu" that he was forced to retire from the line of action and is now invalided at the home. The fifth member of the department's casualty list is Miss Smith, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. The influenza patients, who were stated yesterday, had not developed more cases and hope to return to their work within a few days.

There is no reason to fear a period of industrial unrest or labor disturbance following the conclusion of war, according to Director Schwab, whom the Emergency Fleet News quotes as follows:

"The whole people must pay for the privilege of a merchant marine, not the few who own the ships."
That was the opinion expressed by Charles M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation, in an interview this week. Mr. Schwab said that the real problem facing the country now is not the construction of ships, but their operation.
"It will be necessary for the American people to provide some sort of protection to our new merchant marine."

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF CABLES ORDERED

President's Proclamation Issued Nov. 2 Places Lines Under Burelson's Direction.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Government control and operation of all ocean cables owned in America, under the direction of General Burelson, is ordered by President Wilson in a proclamation dated November 2 which has just been made public through publication of the government's official bulletin. The cables at the postoffice department were to discuss the proclamation and to say whether any steps actually had been taken toward putting government operation into effect.
The first intimation that the cables were to be taken over came Saturday through a statement at New York by Lawrence H. Mackay, president of the National Telegraph-Cable Co., saying he had been informed of the action and that the government for taking over the cables was practically in effect. Mr. Mackay said that complete control of cables through censorship and that government operation would result in "the loss of the lines which will result in a loss."

GERMAN TROOPS ARE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM FINLAND

London, Saturday, Nov. 18.—Gen. Von Goetz, the German commander in Finland, has informed the Finnish government that the German troops are being withdrawn from Finland in order to avoid conflict with British forces which are expected to arrive soon.

The dispatch adds that Gen. Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish government forces, will be in power. A coalition government will be in power.

CAN'T DENY IT

What Had Happened Elsewhere Instead of Wilmington You Might Doubt It.

The average man is a doubter. This is surprising—the public have been so frequently that the following will stand investigation. It can be disputed.
Williams, painter, 308 Mayor Street, Wilmington, says: "Some time ago I had some trouble with my back and being on my feet so much, I got this complaint. My back ached and I had to get up and lie down. I had sharp pains would often come and I could hardly stand. I often had dizzy spells, and black specks came before my eyes. I had some trouble with my back and I could hardly get up. I got a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's Drug store and soon I was better. I had been bothered in this way for some time at all dealers. Don't ask for a kidney remedy get Doan's Kidney Pills—the name that Williams had. Foster-Milburn, Inc., Boston, Mass."

PLANS FOR W. N. C. CONFERENCE ALL MADE

Methodists Meet in Charlotte Tomorrow for 20th Annual Session—Important Conference.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Charlotte, Nov. 18.—All arrangements for the Western North Carolina conference, M. E. church, south, have been completed by the local committee, and the conference will be called to order Wednesday morning at Tyrone Street Methodist church by Bishop Darlington.

Indications point to one of the best and most important conferences of recent years. Some of the leading pulpits in the conference are to be filled, and there are other important questions up for discussion, including the granting of laity rights to women.
The conference was to have been held at Monroe, and was postponed by reason of the influenza epidemic. Charlotte then extended an eleventh-hour invitation, and the conference accepted, setting next Wednesday as the date.

Owing to the recent epidemic and the scarcity of servants, the "Harvard plan" of entertainment will be adopted, the guest receiving lodging and breakfast and securing the remaining two meals for himself.
The directory of guests and hosts for the conference was made public yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Charlotte, conference secretary. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., who will preside at the conference, will be the guest of W. D. Wilkinson at the Selwyn hotel.

Composing the central committee on entertainment are Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, pastor of Tyrone Street Methodist church, chairman, and Dr. H. K. Boyd, of Charlotte, secretary of the Charlotte district; Dr. T. F. Marr, Rev. J. W. Moore, Rev. W. L. Sherrill, A. J. Hagood, D. H. Anderson and W. J. Edwards.
Chairmen of other committees were named as follows: Reception, W. D. Wilkinson; church comfort, D. H. Anderson; ushers, Joseph McLaughlin.
Under the heading of anniversary meetings are listed, for Wednesday the historical society, at 4 o'clock; Sunday school anniversary, at 7:30 o'clock, with addresses by Miss Minnie E. Kennedy and O. V. Woolsey, the Sunday school secretary; for Thursday, missionary centenary, with addresses by Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, Dr. George B. Winton, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, and others; for Friday, with addresses by Dr. J. A. Burrow; for Sunday the program will be announced.

INFLUENZA GRIPS GREENSBORO.

Two Well Known Citizens Die—Peace Celebrations Sifted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Greensboro, Nov. 18.—Influenza claimed two well known Greensboro men in the early hours of Sunday. Claude M. Pritchett, who recently gave up his grocery business to enter military service in Italy, and James H. West, for many years a merchant here, passed away between midnight and daybreak.
Mrs. Ernest Hodgins is seriously ill with the disease, but was alive at the time this article is written. No other serious cases are known to have thus far developed. New cases reported today were about 50 as compared with 71 yesterday, and 46 for each of the two preceding days. Except for a few cases the disease appears to be in a milder form than when it made its first appearance here.

There is a general feeling that it may be Christmas before churches and schools are again opened. The appearance of the epidemic in increased numbers of cases is believed to be almost wholly attributable to the peace celebration here Monday.

PRIVATE JACK FORMYDUVALL.

Dead of Pneumonia Somewhere in France—A Fine Young Man.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Hallsboro, Nov. 18.—The sad message I received that Private Jack Formyduvall died somewhere in France October 15 of pneumonia. He was drafted May 27 and was sent to Camp Jackson for training. He became a member of the 81st division. While at camp he won the friendship of all who knew him. One of his comrades expressed the feelings of all when he said, "A man who doesn't love 'Formy' hasn't got a heart."
He did not mind a soldier's life and was anxious to serve his country when it needed him most. Surviving are his father, Sandy Formyduvall, three sisters, Miss Lillie, Mrs. Lloyd Chaucer, and Mrs. Annie George. There are two brothers, Guy and Fred, and many friends. He was 23 years of age.

HEALTH TALK

SPANISH INFLUENZA OR GRIP

By Dr. Lee H. Smith.

An old enemy is with us again, and whether we fight a German or a germ, we must put up a good fight, and not be afraid. The influenza runs a very brief course when the patient is careful, and if we keep the system in good condition and throw off the poisons which tend to accumulate within our bodies, we can escape the disease. Remember these three C's—a clean mouth, a clean skin, and clean bowels. To carry off poisons from the system and keep the bowels loose, daily doses of a pleasant laxative should be taken. Such a one is made of May-apple, leaves of aloë, root of jalap, and called Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Hot lemonade should be used freely if attacked by a cold, and the patient should be put to bed after a hot mustard foot-bath.
To prevent the attack of bronchitis or pneumonia and to control the pain, Anuric tablets should be obtained at the drug store, and one given every two hours, with lemonade. The Anuric tablets were first discovered by Dr. Pierce, and, as they flush the bladder and cleanse the kidneys, they carry away much of the poisons and the uric acid.
It is important that broths, milk, buttermilk, ice-cream and simple diet be given regularly to strengthen the system and increase the vital resistance. The fever is diminished by the use of the Anuric tablets, but in addition, the forehead, arms and hands may be bathed with water (tepid) in which a tablespoonful of salaratus has been dissolved in a quart. After an attack of grip or pneumonia to build up and strengthen the system, obtain at the drug store a good iron tonic, called "Iron-Tonic Tablets," or that well known herb tonic, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—sdy.

METHODIST PROTESTANTS TO MEET IN GREENSBORO 27TH

Greensboro, Nov. 18.—The 93rd session of the Carolina annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church, which was to have been held in Concord beginning November 20, is now scheduled to meet in this city on November 27. Unless the influenza situation here prevents the conference, it will meet then and continue until the following Monday.

Restrictions on Gingham Canceled.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The war industries board announced today that its order of last July 1 preventing sales of gingham for delivery after April 1, 1918, is canceled. Sales now can be made for delivery at any time provided the prices are not greater than those listed in the maximum price schedule now in effect.

THEATRICAL

It is a safe bet that no one who saw "Oh Baby" at the Academy last night but left the theatre a sworn booster for Mike Sacks and the Marcus Musical Comedy company. The big organization will be here tomorrow matinee and night in an entire change of bill which for identification purposes is yelet "Pretty Butterfly."

Tokio Girls Splendid.
There wasn't half enough promised in Sunday's announcement of the com-



MARY MacLAREN. In 'The Sensational Lois Weber Production "The Model's Confession" at the Grand Today.

ing of Irwin Hampton's Tokio Girls to the Royal. If the management had promised just twice as much and made every statement just twice as strong, it wouldn't have disappointed a single patron yesterday. For this show smacks of the big-time one-night attraction as few popular priced aggregations telling this way have done.
There is a class from the curtain up to the finale, and the special elaborate scenic equipment and absolutely the most gorgeous costumes ever seen on the Royal stage, make it a show of high class all the way and one that should appeal to the very highest class patronage—those who are accustomed to some times paying two dollars to see a show no better.
The bills are all new and the manager wrote us "don't be afraid to boost us strong," and they certainly made good on this promise yesterday. As for the specialties and vaudeville features, it is hard to single out any one or two. Jeanne McDonald and Al Golden in a vaudeville sketch that is new, Berg and Berg and Miss Bert Al-

URGE FARMERS TO HOLD COTTON FOR 75 CENTS

South Carolina Planters Among Other Things Demand Investigation of Baruch's Conduct.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 18.—Cotton planters of South Carolina meeting in convention here today adopted resolutions urging farmers of the state to hold their cotton for 75 cents a pound, providing for formation of a cotton holding organization and demanding an investigation of the conduct of B. M. Baruch, chairman of the war industries board, for "failure to deny" a recently circulated report that cotton prices would be fixed.
Another resolution adopted instructed the executive committee of the state farmers' associations to demand of Charles J. Brand, chairman of the cotton distribution committee of the war industries board, the names of the "party or parties" who sold cotton short.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE HAS OVERSUBSCRIBED ITS QUOTA.

Wake Forest, Nov. 18.—The total amount subscribed to the united war work fund by the college faculty and students is \$2,200, which is an over-subscription of good percentage. The first platoon subscribed \$378.50, an average of \$5.50 per man. The second platoon subscribed \$501, an average of \$8 per man. The third platoon subscribed \$344.50, which is an average of \$5.25. The fourth platoon subscribed \$312, an average of \$5.20. The statement outside the student army training corps subscribed \$283. Ninety-seven per cent of the entire student body subscribed to the fund.
Church and Sunday school were resumed at Wake Forest today after being suspended for six weeks on account of the influenza.

U. S. TROOPS IN RUSSIA PREPARED TO KEEP WARM

American Army, Tours, France, Nov. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American troops participating in the expeditions in Russia by way of Archangel and Vladivostok are equipped in the most complete manner to resist the northern cold. They were fitted out by the United States army quartermaster's department in England and France with white sheepskin parkas, which are slip-on overcoats resembling Santa Claus outfits. The expeditions also have been supplied with a full complement of Norwegian sleds, dogs, moccasins, snowshoes, reindeer skin mittens, comforters, sleeping bags, arctic tents, arctic stoves, snow goggles, skis, sledges, high rubber boots and woolen breeches.

INVITE MISS WILSON TO OPEN "VICTORY SING" IN FRANCE

New York, Nov. 18.—The National Council of Women tonight sent Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the president, an invitation to open the "Victory Sing" in France on Thanksgiving day by singing the Star Spangled Banner at the same moment that millions of Americans at home under the auspices of the council, join in the national anthem.

Onslow Takes Step Forward.

Kinston, Nov. 18.—Onslow county has appropriated \$400 for farm demonstration service for the twelve months beginning December 1. The county will increase its acreage of food crops next year.

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