

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

To Newspaper Men Slain in Battle.
We watched them move unstilled beneath the lead of the daybook of the Devil and the Flesh.
Punching the clock of History and putting
The frivolous old World at last to bed.
But when the blood of Freedom, fierce and fresh,
Called from the field of wrath unharvested,
We saw their own blood sting the darkening cheek,
We knew the road their eager feet must seek.

FASHION HINT.



This pretty and serviceable slip-on sweater is of stone blue shetland with white angora on collar and cuffs. (C) Underwood & Underwood.

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

For us they died
Facing their last assignment sanctified
In fellowship with all things clean and splendid
For us they bore the muck and filth of it
As men on whom a gift of grace descended.
For us they wrestled with the Night of Fear
And slew the black assemblage of the Pit.
Yet not for us, nor all the world holds dear,
Would they one fatal foothold have withdrawn
Ere their bright, blinded spirit lit the dawn.

Sleep, friends, and rest.
Sistered by France and wedded to her breast.
Above your bivouac there the sentinel flowers
Will challenge only vagrant butterfly-flies
Through the long, dreamless, summer-silken hours
That weave a winding sheet of peace for you.
But on mysterious eyes of hushed surprise,
While ancient captains muster in review,
Among our crosses glimmering in the grass
The Christ Himself, the Crucified, shall pass!
—Ralph Renaud, in New York Tribune.

Miss Phoebe Lutes spent the weekend with friends and relatives in Goldboro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Fletcher, of Rose Hill, spent the weekend with friends and relatives here.

Miss Annie McDonald, who has been visiting friends in the city, will return to her home in Faison today.

Miss Louis Price, of Greensboro, after visiting friends in the city left yesterday morning for Southport, where she will spend the remainder of the week.

ANOTHER DISAGREEABLE DAY

Sleet and Fine Homy Snow Reported During Drizzly Dawn—Storm.

The weather man demonstrated his ability to repeat yesterday with about one of the most disagreeable days of the year, following up the preceding Sunday and Thanksgiving with about the same sort of conditions. Rain fell in drizzles almost the entire afternoon and shortly after 3 o'clock persons in different parts of the city and in the county reported that with the rain were some slight evidences of sleet and fine hominy snow. The temperatures were down in the forties all day with the minimum at 8 o'clock last night exactly the same as the minimum was at 8 o'clock yesterday morning—42 degrees or just ten above freezing. The maximum during the entire day was 59 degrees.

Last night at 8 o'clock it was reported to be snowing slightly in Asheville with sleet peppering down in Raleigh, which makes the average Wilmingtonian not disposed to complain after all. Asheville reported a minimum of 29 degrees yesterday morning while Raleigh and Charlotte were only a few degrees above freezing.

DEEPEN CAPE FEAR.

Representative Small to Make New Efforts for Channel at Bar.
H. E. C. Bryant writes The Charlotte Observer from Washington as follows:
"Representative Small, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, said today he would make renewed efforts to have a channel cut in the lower Cape Fear, near Southport. This is especially necessary now, in view of the larger type of ships that will sail from Wilmington."
Major General W. M. Black, chief of engineers in the war department, has recommended the improvement in a report to Secretary Baker. This report recommends a deepening of the channel to 30 feet at cost of \$38,625.
"A force of engineers has gone to New Bern to look into the shipbuilding situation there."

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES.

December Term Will Meet This Morning For A Two Weeks Session.
The December term of New Hanover superior court will convene this morning at 9 o'clock with Judge W. P. Stacy presiding. The terms will continue for two weeks and will be for the trial of civil cases only. The calendar for both weeks is pretty well filled up but there are no cases of unusual importance docketed for trial. The next criminal term meets during the early part of January, and will also be presided over by Judge Stacy.

Luther Sellers, of Wallace, has received a letter from his son, Rames Sellers, who is with the American Expeditionary forces in France.
"I received three letters from you some days ago but owing to being on the move continuously have just gotten a few minutes in which to reply," he says. "Our last move was about 30 miles and I had the pleasure of walking 22 miles of the distance. Am now in a nice town, the largest I have visited since reaching France."
"Our Y. M. C. A. was opened today with three American girls in charge, and it certainly seems like home to be able to talk with real American girls again. We can buy our smokes at the 'Y' at very reasonable prices. Today we went to the Red Cross store and were given two woolen helmets, two woolen sweaters, pair of woolen socks, pair of gloves, two handkerchiefs, a towel and most anything we asked for. This will give you some idea of what the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. are doing for the boys. We are awaiting hot chocolate which is being made by American girls."

"I would like to tell you all about the people and their customs if the other days. They were written at the time there has already been lots of my letter cut out. Can tell this from your letter."
"The war news looks good now and in a few days I think it will look better for we are expecting to launch another offensive and I am expecting to have the honor of taking part."

Mrs. J. E. Boney, of Teachey, has received the following letter from her brother, Rowland T. Wells, Company B, 105th supply train, France:
"I have just come in from a trip to the front and after a nap and breakfast thought I would write you. I talked with some of the South Carolina boys who are in the 30th division and it was good to see them, almost like being at Camp Sevier. There are lots of them missing but those who are left have the real fighting spirit."
"We do not get our mail very often but it is like Christmas when it does come. I had several letters from home the other days. They were written the latter part of September and I was certainly glad to get them."
"Well I guess you have learned from the papers where we are located but we are almost continuously on the go and certainly see some awful sights. I wish you could see some of the heaps of ruins which were beautiful and thriving cities before the Hun put in his devastating work."
"The sound of those powerful guns of the Americans certainly listens good. I do not believe the Huns can stand the intensive fire of our boys much longer and I am expecting them to take up another hasty retreat at any time. Some of my pals are in the hospitals and some in their resting places. You, at home, have some idea how we boys long to get at the Huns again. I have seen some of our best friends knocked off by the Hun."
"There is one thing that I must say for the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross—they are certainly our friends, and they stay when they are gone. A friend and myself were on a long trip and had not eaten for a whole day. We came to a little 'Y' hut by the side of the road. We jumped off our trucks, went in and I guess we were treated nice. We were served all the hot cocoa and cakes we could get on the outside of and believe me we sure did enjoy the feast. Should you hear anyone say that either of these organizations are not doing their part you emphatically deny it for me and advise them not to make such a statement to anyone of the boys who has been 'over here' for if he does he is liable to get what he does not care for."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS
—E. B. Edwards, 820 Chestnut street, has gone to Manatee, Fla., to attend the funeral of his mother, the late Mrs. M. Edwards.
—James H. Bowden, of the firm of Bryan & Bowden, returned to the city yesterday morning after a business trip to Washington and Baltimore.

WAKE FOREST S. A. T. C. TO BEGIN DEMOBILIZING TODAY
(Special Star Correspondence.)
Wake Forest, Dec. 1.—In accordance with orders received from the war department demobilization of the Students' Army Training Corps will begin Monday, Dec. 2. The demobilization will be completed by or before December 15. The college work will continue after Christmas as usual. The Christmas holidays will begin December 21 and extend to January.

WILMINGTON'S MAN'S IDEA.
The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News says: "L. W. Warlock, formerly of Wilmington, but now residing in Washington, has written a letter to Senator Simmons suggesting that all soldiers returning from abroad be brought back through the national capital. Thousands of these soldiers, he says, have never been to Washington, and it is up to the national government to give them this sight-seeing trip. Senator Simmons has forwarded the suggestion with his approval, to the secretary of war."

LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA.
Deputy Sheriff W. H. Howe left last night for Raleigh and from there, after being supplied with the necessary requisition papers by Governor Bickett, will go to South Hill, Va., to take into custody John McKennie and Frank Cumber, two young white men who are wanted here for the alleged operation of an illicit distillery. Senator Simmons presided Saturday upon request of Sheriff George C. Jackson and are being held pending the arrival of Deputy Howe. The men are alleged to have been connected with the operation of the plant destroyed on Bonham's creek some days ago.

WEEK OF PRAYER CLOSURE.

Y. W. C. A. Holds Dedicatory Service For New Annex on Second Street.
The week of prayer held under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. closed yesterday afternoon with vesper service at the new annex on Second street recently remodeled by the association. This building was opened yesterday for the first time, and the vesper service included dedicatory exercises.

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE HOLD SESSION THIS MORNING.

The W. S. S. committee of New Hanover county will meet this morning at 10 o'clock in the chamber of commerce rooms to discuss with the women war workers final details of the Victory drive to be conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week to complete the country's quota of \$704,514 worth of war savings stamps. The campaign will be very intensive, and will be for pledge-taking only.
The W. S. S. committee will complete today its plan for the campaign, and the canvassers will commence taking pledges tomorrow morning. The city has been divided into districts and committees are to be assigned to each district in order to secure the best results without loss of time and with the least inconvenience to canvassers and those approached for pledges.
The Rotary club will assist during the campaign, and President J. C. Williams and Secretary Louis T. Moore have issued a call requesting members of the club to meet Tuesday at 8:30 in the Y. M. C. A. building to arrange for canvassing districts assigned to Rotarians.

"RABBIT" BAILEY WINS HIS COMMISSION AT CAMP LEE

(Special Star Telegram)
Washington, Dec. 1.—The war department today announced the roster of second lieutenants of infantry, reserve corps, commissioned at Central Officers Training School at Camp Lee, Va., on November 15. The name of Karl Braswell Bailey, of Elm City, Wilson county, is the only representative appearing in the roster from North Carolina.
Students of the University of North Carolina, and especially the followers of the national pastime, will recall "Rabbit" Bailey, once captain of the baseball team and nine innings to the game a batsman. C. H. brought home the bacon. When "Rabbit" Bailey went to the bat, Carolina students visualized a clean sweep of the bases and a home run for the captain of the team.
So it would seem, that in war-time preparations that he has scored a home run again.

WATCH JAPAN GROW.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—Japan's population is increasing at the rate of 800,000 a year according to official statistics. Until a few years ago the rate of increase was a little over half a million yearly.
The population on November 31, 1917, was estimated at 72,327,213. This did not include Korea, Formosa or Saghalien.

Picked Up Around Town

Contribute for Orphanage.
The Winter Park Baptist Sunday school yesterday made a record for itself by contributing as its Thanksgiving offering for the Thomasville orphanage \$76.50. The school has an enrollment of 115, ninety-eight present yesterday, regardless of the unfavorable weather. Dr. D. P. High is superintendent of the school and C. S. Lewis, secretary and treasurer.

Negroes Stage Play.
A patriotic play entitled "Liberty" will be presented tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the Academy of Music by local talent among the negroes of the city. The entertainment will consist of a series of tableaux representing familiar historical scenes and events. A large chorus will support the principal actors, and the program includes a number of popular musical selections. Space will be reserved for white people.

Victory Club at Delgado.
The club of Victory boys and girls organized at Delgado mill school during the recent united war work campaign contributed \$40, each of the eight members, seven girls and one boy, pledging \$5. The boy in the club has already paid \$1.00 on his pledge, having earned this sum by patriotically drying dishes for his mother. The Delgado school club made a splendid record by subscribing 100 per cent., in spite of the fact that no speaker was secured by the school to arouse the pupils' interest in the campaign.

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HUN LETTER ADVISED AMERICANS TO QUIT

Copy of Circular Dropped by Enemy Airplane is Forwarded Home By A Kinston Soldier.
(Special Star Correspondence.)
Kinston, Dec. 1.—Relatives here have received from George Knott, with the artillery overseas, a copy of a German circular letter to American soldiers of the kind usually dropped from airplanes. The letter was picked up in rear of the American lines. It asks: "Are you a brave man or a coward? It takes a brave man to stand up for his principles."
It assumes that some Sammies would like to get out of the "war hell" and suggests: "If you had the courage to face criticism you would get out and over the top in no time to a place where there is some likelihood that you may see home again. What business is this war in Europe to you, anyhow?"
The letter, certainly well-written, presumably by some German who had lived in America, speaks of Americans offering their lives for that "abstract thing humanity." "If you believe in humanity and that life is precious, save your own life and dedicate it to the service of your own country and the women who deserve it of you. Lots of you fellows are staying because you are too cowardly to protest. Don't ask anyone's opinion as to what you would better do. If you stay with the 'outfit'—United States army talk—"all you will get out of it will be a tombstone in France."
Fritz's letter won him more bullets than compliments.

AGRICULTURAL FILMS IN EXPOSITION.

Department of agriculture motion pictures had rat in the motion-picture exposition held October 5 to 13 in Madison Square Garden, New York. The department exhibits included colored bromide enlargements of "stills" taken from agricultural film; charts showing films already on hand and those in preparation; and a map showing the proposed plan of distribution through state colleges and forest supervisors.

2,500 MEN TO STRIKE.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 1.—Twenty-five hundred men, comprising the office and yard forces of the Foundation Company, employed in building French mines, workers at the Savannah plant, will strike tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, according to a statement of a committee representing the men. The statement does not define the grievances of the workmen.

R. R. MORTON GOES TO FRANCE ON GOVERNMENT MISSION.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 1.—President Robert R. Morton, of Tuskegee Normal industrial Institute, who was called to Washington last week for a conference with President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, sailed for France today, according to telegraphic dispatches received here this evening. President Morton goes on a special mission for the government, the nature of which is unrevealed. President Morton has occupied the presidency of Tuskegee Institute since the death of its founder, Booker T. Washington.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear Garments and Millinery in This Early Christmas Sale

A ten day event, which begins this morning at 9 a. m.

One month's business in ten days. That's our problem to make up for lost time.

All sales are the results of miscalculations. We figured on big business in October, we bought heavily, now for the unloading at prices that you might expect in February.

We ask that you make your selections with care, as there will positively be nothing exchanged or taken back. Mail orders cannot be filled unless someone personally selects the garments under the above provision.

Women who know the Bon Marche's reputation for selling quality apparel will attend, but we want the woman who has her doubts to come also. For the best way we can convince you is in the everlasting satisfaction you get from wearing good clothes, and we hope by this event to enlarge our circle of satisfied customers, as well as clear the cabinets before inventory.

Ladies Suits, Coats, Dresses, Hats, Waists, Kimonos, Bath Robes, Children's Coats, Serge one piece Dresses and Hats are underpriced for our biggest December sale.

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Buy Christmas Ribbons Now



SHORT SELLING IN COTTON TO BE FURTHER RESTRICTED

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—Charles J. Brand, head of the federal cotton distribution committee, plans immediate action for a more rigid regulation of short selling on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges, according to a statement made public here tonight by J. J. Brown, president of cotton states advisory marketing board. More rigid requirements of delivery also will be demanded, the statement said. "The drop of approximately \$5 a bale in cotton Saturday was without reason and cannot be explained as a result of legitimate trading on the basis of supply and demand," according to Mr. Brown's statement.

PEANUT RAISERS NOT GETTING ENOUGH FOR THEIR PRODUCT

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 1.—Declaring the price prevailing for peanuts is below the present cost of production and handling, the Virginia-Carolina Peanut association, in session today at Suffolk, unanimously voted to ask the fixing of a just minimum price by the federal food administration. The alternative agreed upon, in case the request is turned down, is an agreement to materially reduce the acreage planted next year. The co-operation of cleaners and handlers was asked. The association is declared to represent over 90 per cent. of the peanut production of the two states.

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Gloves, like the splendid values in this Christmas offering, are very desirable as Christmas gifts. French Kid, Cape, Pique, and Doeskin Gloves are included—the prices will please you.

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Subscribers to Bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan are hereby notified that a second installment of 20 per cent. of the amount subscribed is payable November 21st. This is in accordance with the Government's plan of payment. Where payment has been made in full we are prepared to deliver the Bonds.

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