With Wilmington Shipbuilders

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

Wilmington as a shipbuilding site has one great advantage over that seat of shipbuilding, Wilmington, Dela., over Chester, Pa., and Philadelphia, and Boston and all that group of cities in the New England states where the heart of America's shipbuilding industry lies. The region around Philadelphia has been called the cradle of ship construction, a fitting phrase, perhaps, for at Hog Island, the plant of the Sun Shipbuilding company at Chester and innumberable other shipyards in that district working at topspeed, the major portion of America's war emergency fleet has been constructed there. Their proximity to Pennsylvania's coal and iron fields, the accessibility of their sources of supply in securing steel and other materials necessary in ship construction, their transportation facilities and their location in a thickly inhabited territory are all reasons why shipyards in New England states and other sections of the north should surpass southern yards in ship production. But counter-balancing obstacles confronting south-eastern and southern shipyards because of their isolated positions and distance from the sources where materials used b ythem are produced, there is one point in favor of yards in the south that would be almost invaluable to northern shipyards if they could secure it. And that favorable point, almost indispensable in obtaining steady ship production the year around, is the climate. During the greater part of six months shipyards in the north are handicapped to a large extent because of weather conditions. With the mercury hovering around zero and a thick blanket of snow covering the ways, or a drizzling, icy-cold, sleety rain beating down, it is almost impossible to keep workmen on the job. No man cares to expose himself to the elements on a freezing, raw day and run the risk of contracting pneumonia and an undertaker's bill. Far almost half the year, then, northern shipbuilders are up against an obstacle in the person of Dame Nature, and true to the feminine type, what she says usually goes.

On the other hand, southern shipyards are able to continue operations in the open almost every day throughout the year. With climatic conditions such at Wilmington has been blessed with, there are few days so bitterly cold that workmen cannot remain at their jobs on the ways; of course, we hasten to add, unless weather conditions are such as they were last winter. But last years snow and ice and grumpy weather in general were simply the exception that proves the rule of Wilmington's usual mild winters; and the weather man has promised not to give us a repeater on last winter's conditions. The favorable working conditions offered by the south are easily recognized by northern workmen, and they are not slow to take advantage of them. From all accounts there apparently has started a general movement of laborers from the north to shipyards in the south. To check this exodus a few of the northern shipyards have constructed covered ways, but even with shelter overhead it is very disagreeable working on a water-front with a nasty nor'-easter blowing.

Officials of northern shipyards are in slow to realize the disastrous effect a general movement of labor to the south would have on their industries, and some definite plan should be developed by them to hold employes at their posts during the cold weather months, according to the Emergency Fleet News, which says:

"Shipyard managements in the northern states should spare no pains to prevent an exodus of workers to the south with the coming of cold weather. Already this movement seems to be getting a start along the north Atlantic. It may very easily prove disastrous to workers and most embarrassing to managements. Men employed in steel yards in northern states will be rudely disillusioned if they expect to move along with the birds to warmer climes and find there the same kind of jobs. Experience in a steel yard as a riveter, bolter-up, caulker, copper-smith, etc., does not fit a man for a skilled job in a wood shipbuilding plant. And there are precious few steel yards in the sunny south. Memories of last winter's severe weather are leading many workers to fear the cold this year. But they should be reminded that last winter was unusually severe—the worst in many years, in fact. And they have no right to expect that their experiences of last year will be repeated. There are numerous yards with sheltered ways, but in others, where the men must work largely in the open, precautions are being taken to safeguard the men. An exodus from the north in large numbers would be a serious thing for the shipbuilding program. The men should be so informed and urged to stay where thew are."

A party of officials of the Emergency Fleet corporation according to the Emergency Fleet News, is invite dto New York this week to inspect the reinforced concrete cargo steamer "Faith." The "Faith" was the first large concrete ship built in America. She was built by the San Francisco Shipbuilding Company, and since then has made trips with cargo from San Francisco to Seattle, Seattle to San Francisco, San Francisco to Peru, Peru to Chile, Chile to New Orleans, New Orleans to New York. The "Faith" has been docked by tugs and by her own steam, and has been in drydock for repairs due to a collision. These experiences have left her none the worse, and authorities on the subject of concrete shipbuilding declare that she proves the worth of the concrete ship. It is a notable fact that the "Faith," in all her voyages, has taken on no bilge water. She has carried salt, lumber, nitrate and sugar, and, according to the concrete ship section, the vessel has met every demand expected of her.

The fiftieth keel was laid at Hog Island during last week says the Emergency Fleet News. The vessel for which it is intended has been named "Mount Herrell" and makes a total of 46 keels now on the ways. Several launchings are scheduled from the Island within the next few days.

FOR STUBBORN COUGHS AND COLDS

Dr. King's New Discovery has a fifty year record behind it

It built its reputation on its production of positive results, on its sureness in relieving the throat irritation of colds, coughs, grippe and bronchial attacks.

"Dr. King's New Discovery? Why, my folks wouldn't use anything else!" ser "'s the general nation-wide esteem van ich this well-known remedy is rule lts action is prompt, its taste pleasant, its relief gratifying. 0. Half a century of cold and cough checking. All druggists. 60c and $1.20.

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That's nature calling for relief. Assist her in her daily duties with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Not a purgative in the usual dose, but a mild, effective, corrective, laxative that teases the bowels into action. 25c.

BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS.

State Congratulated on Voting of Six Months School Term.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—The board of agriculture adopted resolutions offered by Dr. Clarence Poe congratulating the people of state on the adoption of the six months school amendment to the state Constitution and urging congress to pass the bill offered by Senator Hoke Smith appropriating $100,000,000 as a federal fund for the aid of the public schools of the country.

Also the resolutions provided for offering a prize of the choice of a number of agricultural books to the rural club pupil in any school district who makes the best club contest record; another feature of the resolutions is the offering of $5 per school for rural art pictures where friends of the school raise $5 or more for the purpose.

Resolutions were adopted asking the legislature to enact needed changes in the stock law and tick eradication act that will contribute to the most speedy and complete eradication of the cattle tick so that the whole state will be cattle tick free.

REVIVAL IN ATKINSON

Evangelist Hopes to See Sign Hung Out—"The Devil Is Gone."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Atkinson, Dec. 5.—Evangelist W. M. Huggins is moving the people here with powerful preaching this week in a revival meeting. Rev. Mr. Huggins says that he is going to stay here until a sign is hung out, "The Devil Is Gone."

The Baptist and Presbyterian churches here are without pastors. The people's minds have been completely occupied with the matters of war and money making so long that the spiritual interest of the town is dead. In his community evangelistic services, if he can re-construct the life and service of the churches in this town, his work will be wonderful.

The services are being held in the Presbyterian church for the better accommodation and comfort of the people.

SEABOARD MEDICOS ADJOURN.

Officers Are Elected and Next Meeting Will be in Norfolk.

(Special Star Teelgram).

Kinston, Dec. 5.—The Seaboard Medical association's annual convention was adjourned last night a day ahead of time, largely because of the prevalence of influenza at some points and need for the doctors at home.

The next meeting will probably be at Norfolk. Dr. W. L. Harris, Norfolk, was elected president, Drs. C. B. McNairy, Kinston; F. M. Burfort, Fentress, Va.; J. H. Mitchell, Ahoskie, and J. G. Goode, Cheriton, Va., vice-presidents; Dr. George A. Caton, New Bern, treasurer, and Dr. Clarence P. Jones, Newport News, secretary.

R. H. WHARTON GUILFORD'S NEW REGISTER OF DEEDS

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, Dec. 5.—Robert H. Warton, for six years a deputy clerk of the superior court, was yesterday unanimously elected by the board of county commissioners to the office of register of deeds. The vacancy occurred at the very beginning of the term by the death of Capt. W. H. Rankin.

The county commissioners this week re-elected Willis Booth as county auditor and John N. Wilson as county attorney. All of the officers, except Register of Deeds Rankin, deceased, qualified for new terms by giving bonds and taking the oath required by law.

THREE MORE CAROLINIANS ARE PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 5.—A list of American soldiers in German prison camps issued today by the war department included the following:

Reported in good health in an unknown camp—Privates Josah H. Drugger, Colcoka, Tenn.; Joseph S. Hunter, Rock Hill, S. C.; John Henry Hamilton, R. F. D. 1, Salisbury, N. C.; Emery Roberts, Grassy Creek, N. C.; John William C. Gibson, Yuma, Tenn.; Carl E. Ireland, Ashburn, Ga.; Frederick Hill, 356 Vision street, Jacksonville, Fla.; Bill Houston, River Falls, Ala.

ALL-RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT STANDS BY ALL CONTRACTS

Washington, Dec. 5.—All contracts with the Russian government except those made by the Bolshevik regime are recognized by the All-Russian government and will be executed by it, according to a statement authorized by the ministry of foreign affairs and received today in Washington.

Revival at Warsaw.

Warsaw, Dec. 5.—A revival is being conducted at the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. K. W. Cawthon, preaching twice daily—morning and evening—the morning sermons being preached more especially for the pupils of the school, who attend in a body. Rev. Cawthon is an able preacher, and is giving his congregations some strong sermons. E. L. Justice is directing the music, which adds greatly to the interest of the services.

Time Is On The Wing

It is an unwritten law of affection and of courtesy that the day after Christmas is a day too late, and an evidence of forgetfulness.

On the other hand, one never loses anything by being a day too soon with Christmas presents.

Happy friends are worth cementing by timely remembrances and even small sacrifices.

We have prepared for your needs. Here is a welcome to you all—Santa Claus at Fuchs' Department Store.

Millinery Bargains for Friday and Saturday

Big drive for these two days. All hats reduced to half of the original price.

$10.00 Hats, reduced to $5.00
$5.00 Hats, reduced to $2.50
$2.50 Hats, reduced to $1.25
$1.25 Hats, reduced to .....$ .63

For Two Days Only

MEN'S WEAR

Men's heavy Corduroy Coats and Pants, per suit $9.50
Men's best grade Corduroy Coats and Pants, per suit $11.00
Men's rainproof Work Coats, heavy interlined, each .....$ 6.00
Men's Work Pants in Corduroy, light and dark color, pair...$3.50 to $5.00
Men's heavy Kersey Winter Pants, dark gray stripe, a pair.....$4.00
Men's Chambray Work Shirts, from ..... 98c to $1.75
Men's Flannel Top Shirts, in grey and dark brown, from to all wool, each .....$2.50 to $6.50
Big line of Men's Dress Shirts, in Percale, Madras and all Silk, prices from, each .....$1.48 to $7.50
Neck Ties in Christmas boxes, from ..... 75c to $3.00 each

Silk and Serge Dress Sale for This Week End

All dresses now on hand are reduced to half of their former price. Alterations extra.

$40.00 Dresses reduced to....$20.00
$30.00 Dresses reduced to....$15.00
$20.00 Dresses reduced to....$10.00
(This for two days only.)

New Arrivals in the SHOE DEPARTMENT

Ladies' and Misses' dark tan and mahogany low heel boots, priced, a pair $6.50
The Walton solid leather Shoe for boys and girls, heavy winter Shoes.
Sizes 13 to 3, each $3.00
Sizes 2 1-2 to 6, each $3.50

CHILDREN'S SHOES, WINTER WEIGHT.

6 to 8 size, each pair $1.75
8 1-2 to 11 size, each pair $1.98
11 1-2 to 2 size, each pair $2.50
2 1-2 to 6 size, each pair $3.50

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for January Are on Sale.

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WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THESE TROOPS?

Wilmington Wants Some of the 30th Division Debarked—Slim Chance of Getting Any.

BY S. R. WINTERS.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary of War Newton D. Baker in a letter to Senator Lee S. Overman today declined the invitation to designate Wilmington as a debarkation port for the discharge of negro soldiers. He stated that instructions had already been issued as to the methods of disbanding a centain class of troops such as development battalions and limited service men.

The secretary greatfully indicated that owing to the policy of the war department to limit debarkation ports to a minimum, Wilmington would not likely be selected among the number. His letter to Senator Overman follows:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter o fthe 23rd instant, making certain inquiries as to the use of Wilmington, N. C., as a debarkation port and as to discharge of negro soldiers.

"The use of Wilmington for debarkation purposes will be given most careful consideration. On account of necessary health quarantine arrangements and other necessary overhead cost for each port use, the number of debarkation ports will be kept at the fewest possible consistent with rapid debarkation.

"As to discharge of negro troops, instructions have already been issued for the discharge of certain class of troops, such as development battalions and limited service men. Also any individual soldiers may be discharged upon his own application where there is sickness or distress in his family or where his services are urgently needed in important work, provided his services can be spared."

A Fine Scout Headquarters.

A story by John Garth in the December number of Boys' Life has a description of a charming loghouse erected by a group of scouts.

The interior was a single room some 25 feet long and more than half as wide, the walls of pine logs carefully trimmed and notched, with joints made tight and even with cement or mud. Opposite the door yawned a cavernous fireplace of rough stone in which a pile of four-foot logs roared and crackled. On either side, against the end walls, stood a double tier of wooden bunks. Over the fireplace hung a fine pair of elk horns, and here and there above windows or on the walls were other horns of moose, caribou and deer. There were several bear skins on the floor, shelves containing tinware and dishes, several comfortable armchairs, a heavy table now piled with packages and boxes. And hanging from the rafters or festooned about the antlers or along the walls, thick ropes of hemlock, mingled with glossy mountain laurel, lent a festive note to the picture and filled the room with the pungent fragrance of Christmastide.

Policeman Gets $350 Reward.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Frank Moore was taken last night to York county, S. C., two answer the charge of murder. He was arrested here Tuesday by Policeman Wilson who gets $350 reward for his work.

SHRINERS' CEREMONIAL AT NEW BERN DEC. 7

Nobility Will be Conferred Upon Large Class—Special Train Going From Wilmington.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, Dec. 5.—Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold its annual ceremonial session at New Bern on Friday, December 27, at 10 a. m., at which time the order of nobility will be conferred on a large class of candidates. Already sufficient petitions are in hand to show that the class will be in excess of one hundred. The roll call of Sudan members now in service will show between 70 and 80 names.

The drum corps and patrol of Khedive Temple, of Norfolk, Va., have accepted an invitation to be present. The business session will be held at 10 a. m., and the work commenced in the forenoon, after which an adjournment will be had for an oyster roast, and in the afternoon the ceremonial work will be concluded, while at night there will be a dance.

Owing to the convenient railroad schedules, and putting the shrine meeting in the day time, the Nobles from Weldon, Rocky Mount, Durham, Raleigh and Fayetteville will be enabled to reach home that night, and be absent considerably less than 24 hours.

A special train from Wilmington will bring the Shrine drum corps of that city, who, with a large body of Nobles, come as an escort to Chief Rabban William A. French, of Wilmington, who will be elected Potentate to succeed Dr. J. C. Braswell, of Whitakers, the retiring potentate.

WILL PRESENT WAR REVENUE MEASURE TO SENATE TODAY

Washington, Dec. 5.—The war revenue bill, designed to raise slightly more than six billion dollars in taxes next year and about $4,250,000,000 in 1920 will be presented to the senate tomorrow by Chairman Simmons.

The majority report on the bill and also a minority report, from Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, will not be filed until next week. Senator Penrose's report, it was said, will deal exclusively with opposition to the bill's provisions fixing taxes for 1920, to which the republicans vigorously object.

Warsaw Real Estate Deals.

Warsaw, Dec. 5.—Two real estate deals, which were a surprise to many from the fact that the owners of the property had refused all former offers, were consummated here recently. These were the purchase of the new garage on Main St., owned by W. W. Wilson, by Leslie Best; and the sale of the Blackmore corner on the same street to W. O. Singletary and W. H. Willams. It is not known what disposition will be made of this. It was formerly the site of a hotel building, which was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and the purchasers are undecided whether to re-build or use the lot as sites for store buildings.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE COMPLETES ITS WORK

Budget for Next Six Months Increased, Employes of the Department Getting Temporary Raise.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—The state board of agriculture rounded up the work of the annual meeting today and numbers of the members left for their homes on the afternoon trains. The board adopted a budget for the next six months that is somewhat in excess of the budget for the corresponding period last year. This includes a five per cent raise for workers in numbers of the divisions of the department, the increases being specified to be effective until next December when the "high cost of living" status will be taken into consideration in determining whether they shall be continued after that time.

The board determined to renew efforts to have the legislature grant the board permission to put up an agricultural building in the site of the old hotel section of the present buildings, this to be harmonized with the new museum section of the agricultural department quarters.

The board will advise the legislature of the fact that the division of the department that annalyzes gasoline reports through Chemist W. M. Allen that the quarters cent inspection tax reports the inspections costing $21,000 and the revenue is $84,000, which producers are claiming is an excessive tax inder the conditions.

BIG STEAMER IS PLACED IN SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE

Washington, Dec. 5.—Withdrawal of the 7,000 ton steamer SanLouisa from the trans-Atlantic service for a voyage in the South American coast trade was announced today by the ship control of the shipping board. Chairman Franklin of the control committee said today other ships would be returned to normal trade routes as fast as they become available.

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Into them is sewn twenty distinct wear features that other clothes do not contain.

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