

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Yes, Sir, There's a Santa Claus!
Yes sir, there's a Santa Claus, sure as you are born!
A great big jolly feller with a drum and with a horn,
A string of sleigh bells jingling, and his hair all snowy white—
And he comes right down the chimney when yer sleepin' sound and tight!

Yes sir, there's a Santa Claus, you better bet on that,
With reindeer prancin' o'er the snow and feathers in his hat;
And great big eyes that twinkle with the tenderest of fun,
And a pack of toys and sleds and skates, and a really-really gun!

O, let your mother tuck you in and you go right to sleep,
And don't you try to snoop about and don't you try to peep;
Then Santa Claus will knock your house down the stairs,
And leave a lot of lovely things spread right out on your chair!

Yes sir, there's a Santa Claus, and always has been, dear!
And he will come as long as love and innocence are here;
As long as children try to mind their parents all the time—
Old Santa of the Christmas books and of the Christmas hymns!

A meeting of the Literature department of Sorosis will be held in the club rooms this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The silver tea, which was to have been given this evening by the Junior auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church, has been postponed indefinitely.

The Women's Bible class of Trinity Methodist church will hold its regular meeting at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. W. H. Andrews, 1732 Orange street.

Mrs. H. G. Smallbones, Jr., and little son have gone to Gainesville, Fla., where they will spend the Christmas holidays at the old home of Mrs. Smallbones. Later they will be joined by Mr. Smallbones who will spend a short while in Florida.

Mrs. George W. McClanahan returned yesterday morning from New York city where she went several days ago as a delegate to the Lutheran convention held in that city. Before returning from the north she visited friends in Lancaster, Pa., Baltimore and Washington.

Christmas Sale Saturday.
St. Cecilia's guild of St. James church will hold a Christmas sale of fancy articles and home-made candies Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at 111 Princess street, the vacant store just below the Center restaurant.

Will Hold Bazaar.
The ladies of St. Matthew's church will hold a bazaar Friday afternoon and evening, commencing at 4 o'clock and continuing until 10 o'clock, in the Sunday school rooms of the church. Many dainty pieces of fancy handwork will be placed on sale, and refreshments will be served.

St. Agnes Guild Sale.
St. Agnes guild will hold its annual Christmas sale at the room of the Housewives League, beginning this morning at 10:30 o'clock. These sales of St. Agnes are always a feature of the holidays in Wilmington and many pretty and useful gifts can be obtained.

Gives Candy Demonstration.
A demonstration in the art of making candies by the use of sirup, nuts, raisins, etc., was given in the Delgado school yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Miss Florence Jefferson, county home demonstration agent. The demonstration was for children in the sixth grade and higher and was well attended and much appreciated.

Goes to California.
Greensboro News: "Mrs. R. P. Walker, formerly of this city, but whose husband, Rev. R. P. Walker, died in Wilmington about two months ago, has arrived here for a visit to the family of D. L. Smith, 224 East McCulloch street, en route to Santa Rosa, Calif., where she will reside with relatives. While living in this city, her husband was pastor of Asheboro Street Baptist church."

Married in Baltimore.
Friends in Wilmington will be interested in the announcement of the wedding of Private Walter V. Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hudson, 2002 Woolcott avenue, this city, and Miss Olga Johnson of Baltimore, at the parsonage of Zion Lutheran church, East more, December 5, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Julius Hofmann. Private Hudson has been stationed at the base hospital at Camp Meade, Md. He is expecting to be discharged from the service at any time and when same is granted, he and his bride will come to Wilmington on a visit. Before the war he was employed with a drug firm in Baltimore.

Roll Call Headquarters Open.
The Red Cross Christmas roll call headquarters have been fitted up at 108 Princess street, in the building recently vacated by Mrs. Leighton. The buttons, posters, etc., arrived yesterday and the posters will be distributed today by the motor corps and members of the Junior Red Cross. The membership forms, and in fact everything necessary for the campaign, have arrived. Mrs. Harry Woolcott, director of the woman's department of the Wilmington chapter, will be in charge at headquarters and may be found there from 9:30 to 1 o'clock each day. The telephone number is 349.

SUBJECT OF WOMAN'S DRESS OCCUPIES A WHOLE DAY
Chicago, Dec. 11.—Arguments for and against scanty attire for women by woman doctors occupied the attention of the American Public Health association today.
Dr. Jeannette Throckmorton of Charlton, Iowa, who made the address which started the discussion, declared the customary street dress of women last summer was an offense to public decency. She blamed the good women of the country for allowing their daughters to "defy pneumonia and influenza with a lavender for protection."
Dr. Effie L. Lobdell, of Chicago, endorsed the wearing of fewer clothes by women from both moral and hygienic standpoints.
"Women are cleaner now because they have to wear these thin clothes," Dr. Lobdell said, "and the character of our art and the spread of education

about sex hygiene remove any tendency to indecency in the public mind. I favor, also, a uniform dress for each industry, which a girl can put on at her office or workshop."

YOUNG LADIES AT 'Y' TO ORGANIZE RESIDENCE CLUB

The young ladies residing in the Y. W. C. A. building will meet tonight and organize a residence club. The purpose of this club, mainly, will be to promote a spirit of loyalty to the association and to conduct welfare work whenever possible. The club will hold regular sessions every Thursday evening in the association building.
The board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. meets this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the main building, and a full attendance of members is urged.
Vesper service will be held next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. residence, 206 North Second street, under the leadership of Miss Edna May Smith, and an interesting program will be rendered. All members of the association and friends of the organization are invited to attend the service.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

The Business Women's club of the Y. M. C. A., recently organized for the interest and benefit of business and professional women and girls of the city, is preparing to hold its first formal public meeting Friday night at 8:15 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. residence, 206 North Front street.
An interesting program for the evening has been arranged which includes a talk on current events by Mrs. H. E. Rodgers, a short review of recent books by Mrs. R. L. Cobb, and an address by Judge W. P. Stacy on the broad subject of legislation. A number of musical selections will be given during the course of the entertainment.
The Business Women's club expects to hold similar public meetings once a month as an educational feature of the organization's work. All business women of the city and the public in general is invited to attend the meeting.

ORGANIZE VOLLEY BALL LEAGUE.

Players and Prospective Members Asked to Meet at 'Y' Tonight.
The physical director of the Y. M. C. A. has issued a call asking that all volley ball players report at the association building tonight at 8 o'clock to organize a volley ball league.
The league this year will play twice each week, Tuesday and Thursday night beginning at 8 o'clock. Any man who can play or desires to learn the game and incidentally get some good, healthful exercise, it is stated, should be present at the "Y" tonight when the league will be organized. Those who cannot be present but who wish to become a member of the league are asked to send their names to the physical director of the association in advance of tonight's meeting.

DOTS

—The casualty list for today contains the name of George B. Moore, Raleigh, who was previously reported missing but his name today appears under the head of "wounded, degree undetermined."

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. W. S. O'B. Robinson and little daughter, Alice, and the former's sister, Miss Margaret Bridgers, of Wilmington, are quite sick with influenza at St. Peter's hospital. Mr. Robinson and son, W. S. O'B. Jr., are confined to their home on East boulevard, Wilworth, with influenza."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Corporal Eugene Newirth, Battery F. F. A. R. D., is at home from Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., having received an honorable discharge from the service.

—Supt. John J. Blair, of the city school, has returned from Raleigh, where on Tuesday, he attended a meeting of the state building committee, of which he is a member.

—G. A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, left yesterday for Charlotte to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Live Stock association.

Wounded in Action.
Benjamin S. Hobbs received a telegram yesterday stating that his son, Ben S. Hobbs, Jr., who is well known in Wilmington, was wounded in action September 29. The message did not say if the wound was serious but advised that additional information would be forwarded as soon as received by the war department.

SENATORS CONSIDERING WAR REVENUE MEASURE PROVISIONS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Formality of reading and considering minor and unopposed amendments to the war revenue bill was reached today in the senate, when the bill was read and prepared addresses who were not ready to proceed.
Reading of the bill by senate clerks proceeded for several hours without discussion. Senator LaFollet, of Wisconsin requested postponement of consideration of virtually the entire income tax section and this and other controverted provisions went over under unanimous consent agreement.
Senator Smoot of Utah, Republican, presented his minority report, predicting that the country's requirements in 1920 will be \$10,000,000,000, suggesting radical changes in the bill's policy. He stated that the bill would tax and opposed the excess profits and other provisions of the pending bill.

DEATH OF J. K. GRADY, OF COL. METTS' REGIMENT

Kinston, Dec. 11.—John K. Grady carried happiness to a certain British military hospital ward, and went out of it leaving gloom. His father, J. Grady, has learned the particulars from a letter from the nurse in charge of the ward. Corporal Grady was taken to the hospital badly wounded. It appeared for a time that he would do well, his own cheerfulness contributing to his chances. According to the sister in charge, he "endeared himself to everyone in the ward." Then, one day, Grady's condition took a turn for the worse, and he died. He asked that his parents be notified of his death and passed out, very peacefully," according to the English nurse's account. His comrades placed a wreath of white chrysanthemums and fern on the casket, and the good-natured young American was laid away in a British cemetery. Corporal Grady was a member of the 118th infantry.

WORLD OWES GREAT DEBT TO RED CROSS

Was Instrumental in Bringing War to Speedy Close.

Private C. S. Mason, of the Canadian Forces, Recounts Experiences On Flanders Field and Extols Virtues of Red Cross.

Declaring that America and the allied nations would be fighting the German armies today had it not been for the efficient service of the American Red Cross on the battlefields of Europe, Private C. S. Mason, member of the 54th battalion, Canadian forces, spoke at the Academy of Music last night in behalf of the Red Cross organization.

"It is to the American Red Cross that I owe the pleasure of being here with you tonight," he affirmed, "and it is that organization that you owe the fact that victory is yours today."
"The war is not over, although I hear people wherever I go saying that it is. The fighting, however, has been won, but the war is not yet over. There is work still to be done in Europe, soldiers lie suffering in the hospitals, and the task is far from being accomplished."
During the progress of his address Private Mason described the sensation of the young soldier going overseas, of his first thoughts and feelings when he lands in France and of his experiences when he goes up to the front and eventually goes over the top. After fighting for several months on the British front around Vimy Ridge without receiving serious wounds, Private Mason finally "got his" from an exploding shell.

"The last thing I remember," said he, "was the next thing I remember was to go in a clear bed, with the white top of a tent above me and looking down into my face the most beautiful woman I had ever seen or ever hope to see. She was an American Red Cross nurse. At first I couldn't decide where I was. If this beautiful woman had had wings I would have believed that I had passed St. Peter's pearly gates. The treatment I received there from the hands of that Red Cross nurse and the physicians saved my life. If I had to pay for it, I would be playing the rest of my days. From the hospital at the front, back to England to convalesce and then back home every step of the way the Red Cross is with the soldier, tenderly caring for him, supplying all his needs. And that could never have been possible if it had not been for you and your dollars contributed during the past campaigns."

"While the soldiers have laid down their arms, another army has arisen. The forces of the Red Cross, armed with the spirit of the mother heart, is going forth into Russia, Serbia and every corner of Europe where there is suffering and distress among human creatures, to care for them, to feed the hungry mouths, clothe the naked and drive away famine. To successfully accomplish their aim the Red Cross is requesting universal enrollment. If you appreciate the wonderful service it has rendered, if you want to line yourself up with the world's most powerful force in relieving heart-ache and pain of stricken humanity, contribute your dollar and enroll as a member of the Red Cross. Why shouldn't we close this eventful year by joining its forces and so show our approval of its accomplishments? In the name of the greatest of all presidents, Woodrow Wilson, in the name of the American flag, in the name of those men who lie out there on Flanders field, I ask you to join the Red Cross and help carry its work on until the task has been completed. Carry on! That is the message I bring to you. Carry on to the end, and when your boy comes home grip him by the hand and say, 'I am proud of you, boy; you have done your duty, you have risked your life, you have won the victory. But I, too, have done what I could. I have given my time and my money, and I have given my heart, my loyal support, to the cause, for I am a proud member of the American Red Cross.'"

The meeting, despite the unfavorable weather, was well attended. The Academy of Music was comfortably filled with an appreciative audience which unmistakably showed its approval of Private Mason's words. The entertainment was opened with invocation by Rev. John A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Solo, "When I Come Back to You" was rendered by Mr. Willets, who was formerly a Canadian soldier and has lived through many of the experiences related by Private Mason. J. A. Stuart, also a former member of the Canadian forces, introduced the speaker in a few fitting words. Mr. Stuart stated that the principal thing about the Red Cross which won his admiration was the fact that the organization was always willing to give something for nothing, and Private Mason agreed with him on this point.

Louis J. Polsson, who presided at the meeting, called attention to the fact that the Red Cross roll-call commences next Monday morning, December 16. Unless everyone unhesitatingly enrolls next week as a member of the Red Cross, he stated, it will be necessary to conduct a campaign to raise funds to carry on the work which the Red Cross must yet accomplish. The results of the roll-call next week are not doubtful, however, he said, stating that the Red Cross without doubt will have increased its membership twofold when the roll-call ends.
Mr. Polsson announced that a meeting of all members of the Christmas roll-call organization is expected to be held in the chamber of commerce at noon next Friday to complete final details for the work of the coming week. At that time buttons, posters, etc., of various sorts which has been received in large quantities by Vice-Chairman W. A. McGirt, will be distributed to the committees.

ASK APPROPRIATION FOR DRAINAGE WORK

(Continued from Page Five.)
The public health department officials allow the money already appropriated to count for her part. He does not believe that he will fall in with this last proposition, but if he does, then he is coming back to Wilmington and put the matter squarely up to the county commissioners and city council. The most convincing testimony of the value of the work done in and around the city is furnished by a member of the board of health, Dr. J. C. Wessel, who declares that in his practice, which is sufficiently large to enable him to get a good idea of conditions, he has discovered a very noticeable decrease in malarial affections. He has made the statement several times and at the board of health meeting Tuesday, repeated it with emphasis.

Picked Up Around Town

Small Docket Yesterday.
James Walker Kelly, colored, was arraigned in recorder's court yesterday charged with the non support of his wife. The judgment of the court was that the defendant pay the cost of the case and \$3 per week toward the support of his wife. John Newkirk paid the cost for operating an automobile without lights. The case against W. L. Bogan, charging resisting an officer, was continued until December 17.

Auto-Street Car Collision.

A street car in charge of Motor-man I. W. Gore collided with a motor truck owned by W. D. MacMillan, Jr., on Front street near the Bijou theatre last night a few minutes before 6 o'clock. The truck had been left on the track and an automobile cut off the view of the motorman until he was so close on the truck that he was unable to avoid the collision. There was no damage to the truck and none to the street car except the head light was broken out.

Invited to Come Here.

James H. Cowan, secretary of the Wilmington chamber of commerce, announced yesterday that arrangements had been made to provide the necessary funds for its entertainment and that the North Carolina Live Stock association, which is in session at Charlotte this week, would be invited to hold its next meeting in Wilmington. It is understood that the association will be invited to come here next year and it is confidently believed that the invitation will be accepted. The invitation will be extended by R. M. Bryant, of Rocky Point.

Plea For Clothing.

There are a number of children in the city badly in need of clothing, according to the Red Cross chapter, which is endeavoring to care for them and supply sufficient apparel to protect them from exposure during the winter months. Some of these children can not attend school because they lack proper clothing, and the Red Cross has issued an appeal in their behalf. Families owning cast-off clothes appropriate for boys and girls between the ages of seven and 14 may render great service by contributing these articles. Persons wishing to make contributions are requested to get in touch with Mrs. George Grant, chairman of the conservation department of the Red Cross.

MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY.

Special Service at Calvary for Railroad Trainmen.

At the evening hour at Calvary Baptist church Sunday a special service will be held for Cape Fear lodge No. 180, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the annual memorial sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

A special program, which will include musical numbers, is being arranged for the occasion. All members of the lodge are requested to meet at the corner of Fourth and Red Cross streets at 7:20 o'clock and from there they will march in a body to the church.
An invitation is extended local officials of the railroads to attend the service.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages.

Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, mucous discharge, headache, dryness—no struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone.
Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid—adv.

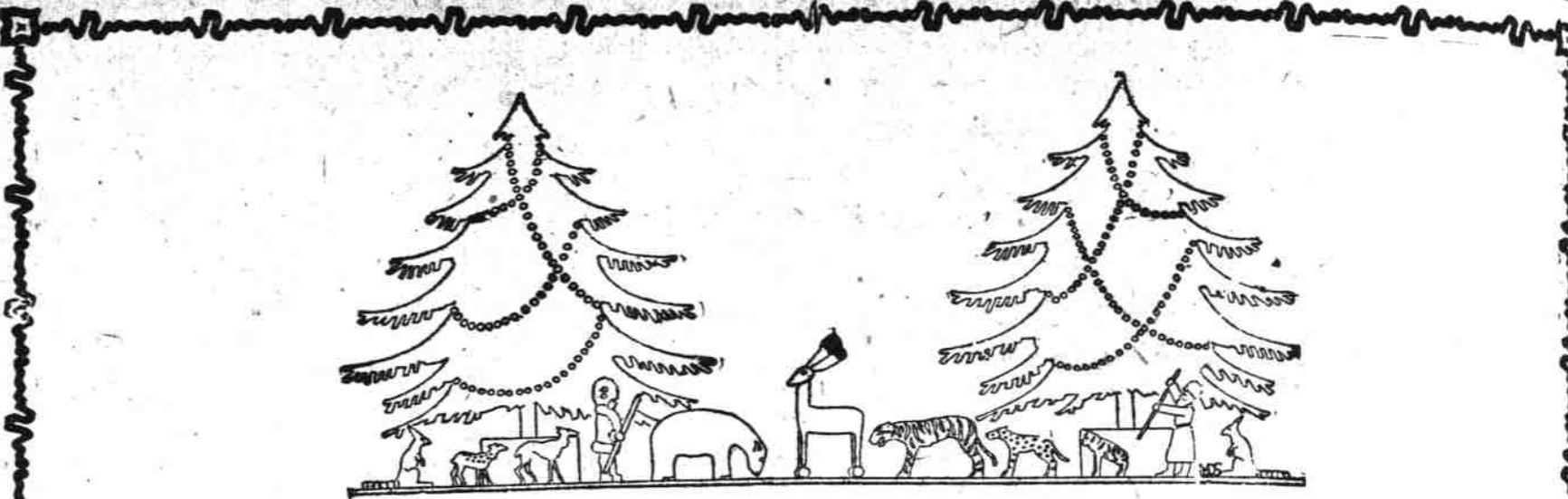
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Let us again urge you to do your holiday shopping this week. Next week every store in town will be doing a capacity business. Service is never at its best under abnormal conditions. You can help take the strain off the selling force by purchasing as many of your gifts this week.

Kindly carry your parcels whenever possible. Customers can aid a great deal in carrying their small packages, and at the same time assure themselves of getting the goods on time.

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 - Ladies' Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs
 - Ladies' Umbrellas,
 - Ladies' Kid Gloves,
 - Ladies' Silk Underwear,
 - Ladies' Petticoats,
 - Ladies' Veils,
 - Ladies' Furs,
 - Ladies' Bath Robes,
 - Ladies' Neckwear,
 - Ladies' Hats,
 - Ladies' Sweaters.
- Men's Umbrellas,
 - Men's Silk Socks,
 - Men's Handkerchiefs,
 - Children's Gloves,
 - Children's Hosiery,
 - Children's Dresses,
 - Children's Furs,
 - Children's Coats,
 - Children's Hats,
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