HOUSING COMMITTEE - FOOD DEALERS ARE WILL CANVASS CITY

Are Fulfilled.

that if Shippard Is To Be Permanent Local Capital Will Provide the Houses.

Now that it has been officially an-

that the Wilmington people obligated sort of brought the subject to a head. he ascertained, the housing committee div and find out the exact number of houses that have been built, both the Victory Home company and individuals. In fact this canvass was begun yesterday and will be continued | tion, as follows: at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

This does not mean that in case the committee funds that all obligations have been fulfilled they will throw the sponge and quit. That is not he spirit at all. While being firmly the opinion that nothing has been eft undone that was agreed to, ani with the knowledge that Wilmington as probably done more for the govarnment than any other city of its size that has been favored by government enterprises, the committee is possessed of a most liberal mind, and if the canvass reveals that the oblivation has been more than filled further co-operation will not be blocked. Knowing that she has done well by the shippards. Wilmington will do more if the government does quit the ob, as far as the housing of shipyard workers is concerned.

The committee is in possession of letters from Wilmington people oblinot entail any great difficulty for the

houses agreed to will be asked to do those who have carried out their be asked to build adtional homes if they are in such a nancial position as to enable them while those who did not ob-

mittee finding persons obligating to cases it will be found that the person s a heavy stockholder in the Victory

steel ships on four ways, there will be States food administration official assurance has been even that such will not be the case, there will be no trouble in

de the 200 additional houses which he Carolina says it will need.

MAYOR MOORE RETURNS

ttended Southern Commercial Congress in Baltimore—Made Address. Mayor P. Q. Moore returned last ight from Baltimore where he atthe accompanied him on the trip, opped in Washington, D. C., for a is going to be productive of great Baltimore for the convention.

ng to his toast and had a splendid pening to speak of Wilmington. North arolina, which he did with references the sainted father of President ondrow Wilson and to Hon. Josephus Daniels, both from North Carolina, he names of each having provoked ong and pronounced applause.

18 COLONEL KING NOW.

ormer A. C. L. Official Represents superintendent, who is now superintendent of transportaon for the A. E. F., and further honrs have come to the Wilmington man way of appointment to the arm Marsha! Foch's little request for 150,freight cars and 5,000 locomotives. Friends of Colonel King in Wilmingand in other places will find interin the news of the distinguished hire out, instead of six months, as for export to foreign countries. part he has played and is playing in stated. the affairs of the A. E. F.

People of Culture.

NOT PROFITEERING

Ascertain If Obligations Resent Idea That They Are Possibilities of Port Develop- Government Will Continue Its Make Return Trip This Morning Taking Undue Profits.

sentiment Among Business Men Is Say Town Is Saturated With Idea That Meeting of Business Men Interested in They Are Robbers and Deny They Are Guilty of the Popular Allegations.

can be done by local interests in tak- ing the city on account of high rates mington, Charleston, Brunswick, Saon necessities of life has put the deal- vannah and Jacksonville-five impor-There is no secret about the fact ers on the defensive all over town and tant South Atlantic ports that have

> "This town is saturated with the idea that we food dealers are a lot of yesterday from a Wilmington viewrobbers," said Frank M. Ross, grocer, point, were a great coaling station, last night, "and it is not true, at least grain elevators, importers and exportso far as it applies to me." Mr. Ross was so stirred by what the

shipyards have had to say about conhas decided to make a canvass of the ditions that he addressed John W. Towle, resident representative of the shipping board at the Carolina yard, and at the same time handed a copy of his letter to The Star for publica-

"Mr. John W. Towle, Wilmington, N. C., Dear Sir: "I wish to address you in regard to an article appearing in today's issue of The Morning Star which was written States. under your direction to the effect that food dealers have been profiteering to such an extent that you find it hard to keep your labor here, and because of this fact the Carolina Shipbuilding Liberty Shipbuilding company of Wilcorporation has arranged to open a store to compete with the retail deal-

ers of this city. "In the very beginning I wish is clearly understood that I do not take issue with you personally, nor am I answering for the meat dealers or for any concern other than the one I own and operate personally, but the regard that I have for the future of my business demands that I take issue with the spirit of and the effect of this article.

"It has been my good fortune to have agreement has been carried out. In ant that I dislike to feel that I have compile a list of new houses built, every transaction, and right at this those that have been remodeled and time when there is so much talk of was launched on a high plane in this city and has been developed rapidly on

> of food products as a whole are profiteers. Suspicion and absolute facts of any case are two distinct and separate ject in view. In his remarks Mr. Macfeatures.

"I also wish to call your attention to the fact that because some of your men found it cheaper to board than to keep house is not evidence of profiteering, as it has always been a recognized

"In further defense of my own establishment I enclose you a copy of continued construction of the official bulletin of the United trouble in getting the houses built which we do business, and beg to say While there is no in this connection that in volume 75 informed circles that per cent of our total business comes

may be judged on its merits I respectwhen this is done, it is firmly be- fully request that you appoint a com-

> public and at the same time bring and tonnage is secured. about a more confident feeling between the consumer and the merchant. "With kind personal regards, I re

Yours very truly "FRANK M. ROSS." "Copy to The Morning Star."

Sheriff Hall of Hoke county came named Brown four years ago. Since fund will get \$100.

he was wounded, Major Harris was plan through, the most difficult part of expects to be at home Christmas, which of course was cheering news to his ment as it is felt they should, then parents and will be to many friends.

In Recorder's Court. An-old case against Willie Williams conference at Spa, where he will for assault on a female, was settled in men of vision and means will see the have charge of the transfer of rail- recorder's court yesterday by payment opportunity and establish grain eleway equipment from the Germans to of costs. C. L. Myers, running an auvators; a coaling station will become the allied armies, in connection with tomobile with one light, was dismissed necessary and Wilmington will be under nol pros. Robert Weeks, the made a center for importing goods for young white man convicted of being distribution by rail among interior implicated in the theft of an automo- cities, while these same cities will be bile, was given a year with leave to sending goods here in large quantities

> Souvenir From France. ber of Captain Gifette's company. the plana.

WILMINGTON IS ON VERGE OF NEW ERA

ment Unlimited.

South Atlantic Maritine Association Held to Discuss Part Wilmington Must Play.

The food dealers of the city are re- The first local meeting in connection pooled their interests with the grand objective of port development for all. Objects held out before the meeting

ers of practically every article that is shipped from or brought into the United States, together with all the development that would naturally follow the acquisition of these things. There was in evidence enthusiasim, hope and determination at yesterday's

meeting, and leading business men who have visioned a Greater Wilmington spoke of the necessity for grasping at once this city's greatest opportunity to become a really important factor in the new maritine and commercial day which is breaking for the United

The South Atlantic Maritime association in its organization in Savannah elected Mathew W. Hale as president. Mr. Hale is vice-president of the mington. The association chose another Wilmington man, D. H. Lippitt, as secretary. He is a member of the cotton exporting firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son, and he is also assistant treasurer of the association. A number of local men are directors both for Wilmington and for the general organization.

The meeting yesterday was presided acting as secretary. Mr. Brown stated the purpose of the meeting, which was as patrons of my establishment a great not directly connected with shipping as get all business men in the city, those houses, and with this in hand it will number of the officials and employes well as those who are, interested in of the Carolina yard, and my dealings the proposition. Then he called on G. committee to learn to what extent the with these patrons have been so pleas- Herbert Smith, who attended the meetgathering its data the committee will not won their confidence in each and position, which he did, setting forth the advantages to be derived by the city

> They explained the matter in detail and in a most comprehesive manner to those less familiar with the ob-Rae declared Wilmingtons opportunity be a great city or "the same old town

review of the situation, pointing out what has already been accomplished and what this city must have to be in

Through local efforts alone der, and carried him to Hoke county five cities, it is believed that recognitthen he had been living here under the proposition, it was said, and if she did alias of "Aaron Dupree." Two other not want to, Wilmington would be negroes "turned him us" it is said, and forced to fall in line unless satisfied to it is understood they will get part of sit idly by and see her sister cities the \$400 reward. The police pension moving to the front in the way of exports and imports and all the attendant

viewed by local citizens who have gone Harris from his son, Major J. F. Har- into it sufficiently as to be able to els, states that the latter's wound, re- grasp its real worth to the city, is that a machine gun bullet which penetrated that is necessary to be done to develop

> pose. With merchant ships plying regports it will not be long before of vision and means will ularly between Wilmington and south-

Of such vast importance is the proposition that it was decided, after thoroughly going into the matter, to defer A Hun helmet, with blood on the in- further action until a meeting to be Progressive, cultured people want terior, has been forwarded to Mrs. held Monday at noon, when every merand will have the best possible refer- Josie D. Leslie, 618 Wooster street, by chant is expected to be present. As Sergt. E. Grant, headquarters division this is largely a co-operative measure, rerably with the New International En- 105th infantry. The helmet, according attention has been centered on get-Cyclopedia. Write today for reasona- to the message accompanying the ting all the merchants and business ble prices and the prices and this can only be ble prices and easy terms. J. T. Nors- souvenir, was picked up on the battle- men interested, and this can only be worthy, 914 Austell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. field by Sergeant Grant, who is a mem- done through acquainting them with

EMPLOYMENT PLANS AVIATORS PROBABLY COMPLETE SUCCESS

Labor Bureau Service.

lion Workmen During the Past Year Now Redistributing War Workers.

The United States employment sernounced that the government will take sentful of the widespread idea that with the activities of the recently or- vice, established as a war necessity, to Wilmington from Goldsboro last no hand in the solution of the housing they are taking undue profits on their ganized South Atlantic Maritime as- has made good to such an extent that Tuesday afternoon will leave the city problem in Wilmington, the housing wares and deny that profiteering is sociation, formed in Savannah some it will not only be continued in opera- this morning, provided weather concommittee of the chamber of commerce being practiced, at least by a majority time since, was held in the chamber of tion after the war, but, will be used ditions are favorable. They will go has again become active with the view of their members. Complaint from commerce rooms yesterday afternoon. as one of the principal methods of from Wilmington directly to the aviaof ascertaining just what, if anything, the local shippards that men are leav- The association, it will be recalled, is solving the manifold labor problems tion camp at Langley field, Va., reconfronting the nations industries in turning via of Goldsboro, where the times of peace.

organization last January, the employ- be made at Franklin, Va., to secure ment service since that time has handl- gasoline sufficient to enable them to an almost indispensable aid in supplying the shipyards with laborers in sufficient numbers to carry forward the nations gigantic program of ship construction, and has aided materially in keeping labor conditions on a sound basis by drafting workmen from congested conditions and placing them overcast with clouds since then, clearwhere a scarcity of labor existed, thus keeping the labor supply evenly dis- ing. This condition of weather, of tributed over the country.

Discussing a few of the things accomplished by the employment service, a recent copy of the United States Employment Service bulletin carries the following:

"We will need between two and three million workers during this year, the main on the ground. One of them made production departments of the government told the department of labor last | terday afternoon, circling around the

for the task. It was divorced from the tions in the eastern part of the city bureau of immigration, made a separ- He went up, it was stated; to test the ate arm of the department of labor, atmospheric conditions, but the fog was and immediately the building up of so dense that he was soon forced to an efficient national labor recruiting come down. At a late hour last night machine was undertaken. The ser- the fog, with intermittent showers, had vice's task was rendered doubly difficult by the fact that it had to find not get into a brighter mood during labor in increasingly large numbers the day the aviators will be forced to remain here until Sunday, as flying during the construction of the mach-

"The signing of the armistice and the essation of hostilities find the service sible, the aviators say. far from 100 per cent perfect, but able to report a good job done and a daily progress toward the top line of ef- face in this section of the country, the ficiency. It has now a machinery cov- aviators will leave during the early ering the industrial and agicultural part of the day. Lieutenant Brooks, edly been interested in the visit of the communities of the country which has who is in charge of the flight, stated airmen and have enjoyed the spectacle been os constructed as to be capable of last night that he hoped to be able to of war planes in flight over the city.

The success of this new phase of its work will depend largely upon the de-(Continued on Page Six).

If Weather Favors.

Has Found Positions for Several Mil- Birdmen go Back to Langley Field Via Goldsboro and Franklin, Va .-Express Appreciation of Courtesies Shown Them.

The four army airplanes which came birdmen will stop to take on a fresh Set up as a separate and distinct supply of gasoline. A second stop will

During the four days the avaitors have spent in the city they have been more or less handicapped by unfavorable weather conditions, heavy fog and rain. When they reached Wilmington ening, and the skies have been heavily ing only a few hours Wednesday morncourse, prohibited exhition flying or much flying of any nature whatever, although one of the aviators braved the elements Thursday afternoon and circled over the city for half an hour. Yesterday the unfavorable weather continued, forcing the birdmen to rea short flight about 3:30 o'clock yes-"The employment service was chosen sailing over outlying residential sec-

under weather conditions such as prevailed yesterday is practically impos-Provided the clouds lift this morning and old Sol once again shows his service rendered them during their stay lay in getting gasoline at Goldsboro ands of released war workers and dur- the aviators will follow to Langley

been worked over and put in good con- tendance at the meeting is urged.

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We have recently installed in our vault 50 additional Safe Deposit Boxes to rent at \$1.50 per year. If you own bonds, stocks or other valuable papers, you owe it to yourself to have them in a safe place-you need a Safe Deposit Box. We invite you to call and inspect our equipment.

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The Appropriate Christmas Gift.

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We have already opened quite a number of Christmas Accounts and it is none too early to go over your X'mas list and put this idea into effect.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

have also been carefully gone over, and everything is in readiness for the avia morning, provided weather conditions

not lifted, and if the weather man does are favorable. The aviators, while talking for the press last night, asked that their apthe city and particularly to the Red Cross motor corps, the chief of police and the chief of the fire department for the many kind attentions and acts of in Wilmington.

The people of the city have undoubt-

Fellow's hall. Among the questions to he discussed tonight are local train schedules and also plans for an oyster One o fthe machines in landing at roast. A number of new members are Monks field turned turtle, and this has to be initiated tonight, and a large atNOTICE-W. B. & S. TRAINS.

& S. train will leave Southport at 8:15 a. m., arriving Wilmington 10 a. m. and leave Wilmington 5:45 p. m., arrive Southport 7:30 p. m. H. E. GOODWIN,

Traffic Manager.

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With only eight days remaining in which to do your Christmas shopping, we urge you to take advantage of the Christmas specials offered for this week-end.

Sale of Millinery for Christmas



This sale includes innumerable lovely trimmed as well as a large collection of tailored hats in the newest models. Styles are all authentic and bear the approval of fashion. Remember that every hat in the assortment is new and in the height of fashion and desirability. Then note the special prices at which they are offered.

\$13.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00 Trimmed Hats. \$9.95 \$8.50 to \$12.50 Trimmed Hats at \$6.95 \$6.50 to \$8.00 Trimmed Hats at \$4.95 \$8.50 and \$9.00 Velour Trimmed Hats at.\$4.95 \$5.00 to \$7.50 Velvet Tailored Hats at . . . \$3.95

Ladies' & Children's Underwear

Ladies' fine ribbed, comfortable fitting, flatlock seam Union Suits, regular and extra size, \$2.00 value, at.....\$1.69 Ladies' heavy fleeced Union Suits, regular and extra sizes,

Misses' \$1.00 fine ribbed Union Suits, that are well made and fit well, all sizes from 4 to 16 years. Especially priced for

A Pre-Christmas Sale of WINTER

COATS At a most opportune time comes this special offering, giving you the chance to buy a new winter coat for yourself, or for a Christmas gift, at substantially less than the usual price. There is a worth-while saving in money without the sacrifice of style, quality or appearance; for every coat included in this display



made of high-class fabrics. Come early tomorrow for the best choice: \$25.00 Ladies' and Misses Coats, at. \$30.00 Ladies' and Misses' Coats at \$23.50 \$35.00 Ladies' and Misses Coats at. \$45.00 and \$50.00 Misses Coats at . . \$60.00 to \$75.00 Misses' Coats at . . \$48.50

Two Shoe Specials

That Will Make Your Christmas Money Reach Farther

Men's gun metal Goodyear welt Shoes in blucher or English last, good comfortable shapes and shoes that will give 100 per cent. satisfaction in wear. Full range of sizes. Especially priced for this week-end at\$2.87

Women's Kid Boots, button or lace, plain toe and with medium height Cuban heel, all solid leather and shoes that are well worth 25 per cent. more than they are priced,



At \$3.67

Belk-Williams Company