

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

THE ISHMAELITE OF NATIONS.

The Ishmaelite of Nations, she shall wait
 Until the crawling centuries mute again
 The hideous echoes of her Hymn of Hate
 Cursed by the world's immeasurable disdain,
 Cursed by the tears a million mothers shed,
 Cursed on the fields where countless boys lie dead,
 Whimpering for mercy, blustering, desolate—
 The Ishmaelite shall wait.

By rotting wharves her empty ships shall rock
 Her slattern towns their poverty proclaim
 Her high-towered factories topple block
 Since "Made in Germany" is a brand of shame,
 Thrust from the Door of Human Brotherhood
 Misunderstanding and misunderstanding,
 Beggarred, unparadoned, excommunicate—
 The Ishmaelite shall wait.

Gray skulls plow up through fields of Picardy,
 Great fanes lift shattered aches to the dawn,
 Where once dead babies strewed the bitter sea
 The cliffs still written in undying scorn.
 Down weary years shall men, beholding this,
 Turn from her bribes and pleading a hiss,
 Sullen, unpitied in her self-sought fate—
 The Ishmaelite shall wait.

Miss Alice Atkins, of Southport, is spending several days in the city visiting friends.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. M. King, of Philadelphia, have arrived in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. King's brother, J. A. Springer, 102 North Fifth avenue.

Epworth League at Trinity.
 Members of the Epworth League of Trinity church will entertain this evening at 8 o'clock. All members of the league are urged to attend and bring a friend.

Tuesday Evening Dance.
 The regular Tuesday evening dance of the Cantwell dancing school will be held this evening at 9 o'clock in Hibernian hall. Music by the Whitlock-West band.

Epworth League Social.
 The Epworth League of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will give a social this evening at 8 o'clock. Every member of the league is requested to be present and visitors are also invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wooten, of Kinston, who were called to the city on account of the death of the late Mrs. Wooten's brother, William De Vane Pugh, returned home Sunday night.

Bring Christmas Articles.
 The Ladies' Aid society of the Dock Street Christian church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. F. Barnes, 411 Red Cross street, and all who have articles for the Christmas sale are urged to bring them to this meeting.

Miss Lottie Mae Newton, of Southport, was in the city yesterday to meet Mrs. Hugh D. Ward, of Spartanburg, S. C., who was on her way to Southport to spend the holidays with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. William St. George. Lieutenant Ward expects to join Mrs. Ward at Southport in a few days to spend the holidays.

Friday is "Junior Day."
 The Star requested to republish the following:
 "Friday is Red Cross day in the schools and may I ask that every child take to their school on Friday, the 20th of December, some little toy for the stocking of little children less fortunate. Last December children in the Hemenway parted with one of the gifts given to them the year before and you should have seen the rostrum. Give something you love yourself, not a broken or dirty toy for these kiddies love pretty things too. Salvation Nell was loved to your boy and my boy. She followed him to the trenches and give him hot coffee and buns and can we do less? The Junior Red Cross will see that Mrs. George Grant has these toys at the Housewives' League and she may notify the Salvation Army that the school children have brought gifts for this Christmas tree."

BUSINESS MEN WILL HELP DEVELOP PORT

(Continued From Page Five), exporters come here to do business. The freight rate has always been the greatest obstacle in the way of the development of this port. It is understood, however, that lower freight rates to interior points will be provided.

The permanent organization of the corporation will be effected at a meeting to be held in Savannah today, which will be attended by Mr. Hale and G. Herbert Smith, of this city, who left for that purpose last night. One of the first things that will be done after the company is permanently organized will be to employ an expert traffic man who will ascertain what products are exported from the West Indian and the South American countries which can be consigned in this section and which of those exported from here can be used in those countries. Then the rate expert will visit the countries to the south and learn what they have that can be used here. In this way only the goods which can be used here will be imported from the southern countries.

R. A. Brand, of the Atlantic Coast Line, will preserve the assurance of every corporation on the part of his company, but laid emphasis on the fact that his road could not assemble the cargoes. Interest-

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ing talks were also made by J. Allan Taylor, of Old Fort, N. C. D. Mamitt and G. Herbert Smith.

SKIP-STOP ABANDONED.

Fuel Administrator Announces Street Cars.
 The skip-stop system, which became effective on the street railway of Wilmington September 15 at the request of the national fuel administration, need no longer be observed, according to a telegram received yesterday by County Fuel Administrator M. S. Willard from the national fuel administration. The telegram read as follows:
 "This will be your authority to discontinue the skip-stop system on your railway."
 City cars will now stop at each street corner, according to announcement from the Tidewater Power company. No changes were made in the stops for the beach cars when the skip-stop went into effect, and they will continue to stop only at the corners indicated by stop signs.

FUNERAL OF MR. YOPP

Was Conducted From the Residence Yesterday Afternoon.
 Funeral services for the late Alfred Price Yopp, who died at James Walker Memorial hospital Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, were held at the residence, 415 Grace street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. Hanckel Taylor, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The service at the home and at the grave was largely attended by sorrowing friends of the family, and there were many beautiful floral designs.

WHOLE OYSTER STEW ITSELF.

Giant Bivalve Taken From Virginia Waters—4 1/2x10 inches.
 "Colonel F. Nash Billisley, commissioner of fisheries of Virginia, has on exhibition in the fisheries office in the law building, a curiosity in the shape of a giant oyster bivalve.
 "This marine bivalve is ten inches long from end to end and measures four and one-half inches across the mouth. It was taken from Cobb's creek, in Matthews county, Virginia, which creek is tributary of the Rappahannock river.
 "It is said in the fisheries office that this oyster is one of the largest ever taken from Virginia waters, and its age is computed as being so great as to make it unfit for food.
 "The shell will be saved and placed with the other exhibits of the fisheries bureau."

REPORT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Lieut. Fuchs Forwards Weekly Report to Surgeon General Biely.
 The following is the weekly report which Lieut. A. W. Fuchs, of the United States public health service, forwarded to Surgeon General Biely yesterday, showing the number of new cases of communicable diseases reported in the Wilmington shipyard zone during the week:
 "Weekly morbidity report of the Wilmington shipyard zone: For Wilmington, typhoid fever, 4; tuberculosis, 3; pellagra, 1; tetanus, 1; scarlet fever, 1; gonorrhoea, 1. Winter Park: Typhoid, fever, 1."

Four-Minute Men Speak.
 The committee of four minute speakers will deliver addresses at the moving picture theatres of the city during the rest of the week in the interest of the Red Cross Christmas roll call. The schedule is as follows: Tonight, at the Grand, J. A. McNorton; at the Bijou, J. Felton Head, Wednesday, at the Royal, Woodus Kellum; at the Bijou, C. D. Weeks, Thursday, at the Grand, J. C. Hobbs, Jr.; at the Royal, H. E. Rogers, Friday, at the Grand, Charles Newcomb; at the Bijou, W. B. Campbell, Saturday, George Galvin at the Royal. The talks commence at 8 o'clock.

"Dependents" Not Dependents.
 As the result of an investigation that is being made by Sheriff George Jackson and Justice John J. Furlong, it is expected that it will be learned that many persons have been getting "benefit" money from the government under the guise of being dependent on some soldier when in reality they are not entitled to anything. Already some such cases have been disclosed and the organization will be discovered before the series of investigations for the government have been completed.

Asked to Accept Pastorates.
 Winter Park and Masonboro Baptist churches last Sunday extended to Rev. L. B. Boney an unanimous call to become their pastor. Mr. Boney has been giving part time to supply work at these churches since the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. L. Shinn.

SENATE BEGINS WORK ON DISPUTED TAX PROVISIONS

Washington, Dec. 16.—After Senator Smoot of Utah, republican, had delivered a prepared address criticizing the war revenue bill, the senate today began consideration of disputed sections of the measure. On the first roll-call taken on the bill, the senate voted 36 to 18 to retain the finance committee's amendment, providing for refund of taxes to those who demonstrated to the treasury department that in previous years they have suffered a net loss in their business.
 Tomorrow it is planned to discuss the income tax section.

TAR HEEL OFFICER WHO WAS PRISONER NOW IN LIVERPOOL

Washington, Dec. 16.—Lieut. John W. Artz, of Old Fort, N. C. who has been a prisoner in Germany, has arrived in Liverpool, England, the war department announced today.
 Private Sanford R. Howton, of Adger Ave., also a former prisoner, has arrived in France.

LLOYD-GEORGE AND BALFOUR GO TO PARIS LAST OF WEEK

Paris, Dec. 16.—British Premier Lloyd-George and British Foreign Secretary Balfour will arrive in Paris next Saturday or Sunday.

Surrender of German Fleet!
 First Authentic Pictures—Bijou—adv.

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Picked Up Around Town

At Acme-Delco School.
 Rev. W. B. Campbell, a well known minister and pleasing speaker, will deliver an address in the Acme-Delco school this evening at 7:30 o'clock, speaking in the interest of the Christmas Red Cross roll call. A large attendance is desired.

Special Prayer Services.

During the week there will be special services of prayer and intercession at the Episcopal churches of the city, as follows: Tuesday, Church of the Good Shepherd; Wednesday, St. John's; Thursday, St. James'; Friday, St. Paul's; all services at 8 p. m.

Lodge Gives Oyster Roast.

Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, will hold a short session at the lodge hall this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Following the meeting the lodge member will go to Masonboro to enjoy an oyster roast arranged by the lodge for its members. All members of this organization are urged to be present at the meeting tonight.

Wilmington Boys Returning.

The recent announcement by the war department that the transport Bultenzorg sailed from France December 8 with the 12th anti-aircraft battery aboard, was learned with much interest by many residents in this city, as this battery is composed of troops who went from Fort Caswell last July. Among them were several Wilmington boys, including Marsden Gore and Robert Brady.

More Ripe Strawberries.

Edward C. Craft exhibited large, ripe strawberries yesterday, taken from a patch on the farm of his brother, Lieut. C. Craft, of Rose Hill. The patch has many number of green berries but of course the cold frosts there. The ripe ones were protected by leaves. Ripe strawberries in the middle of December indicate how close to a double crop the climate of this section permits stuff to come.

Funeral of Mrs. Gorman.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth A. Gorman, wife of J. L. Gorman, who passed away at James Walker Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon, was conducted from the family residence, 1900 Woolcott avenue yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's church. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery. Those acting as pallbearers were D. L. Latta, James F. Mann, F. W. Tremain and Melzer Pearsall.

Mr. Plyler to Memphis.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, who returned to the city yesterday from attending the Methodist conference at Goldsboro, has called a meeting of the Methodist Centenary commission, and will leave today. He hopes to be at home again by Saturday. Mr. Plyler is chairman of the Red Cross roll call campaign, and regrets being summoned away at this time, but his presence at the Memphis conference is imperative.

In Recorder's Court.

—Assault with a deadly weapon; resisting an officer and disorderly conduct, were continued yesterday, and in default of \$100 bond, Holden was remanded to jail. Freddie Newman, held for superior court in the sum of \$200 on charge of larceny. A case alleging assault on a female against W. L. Boggan was not pressed with leave, while another charging violation of the traffic laws will be heard today.

Organization Committee Met.

The organization committee of the movement met at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon and mapped out plans for forming an organization to raise the desired sum of \$25,000 to erect a monument in honor of New Hanover men who died during the recent struggle. This committee will present its plans in complete form to the executive committee and ladies central committee at their meeting next Friday afternoon in the chamber. This meeting of the executive committee and ladies' group was scheduled to have been held this afternoon, but was postponed to Friday to give the organization committee sufficient time to complete its plans.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Albert G. Seitter, son of C. F. Seitter, of Wilmington, returned home yesterday, having received an honorable discharge from the navy. He has been stationed at Norfolk.
 —I. B. Dawson, of Charlotte, general manager for the International Harlow company in the southern division, has arrived in the city for a few days business visit and is stopping at the Orton hotel.
 —Supt. Washington Catlett, of the New Hanover county schools, left last night for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the state association of county superintendents, which will be held there today.

Relief from Eczema

Don't worry about eczema or other skin troubles. You can have a clear, healthy skin by using a little Zemo, obtained at any drug store for 35c, or extra large bottle at \$1.00.
 Zemo generally removes pimples, blackheads, blotches, eczema, and ringworm and makes the skin clear and healthy. Zemo is a clean, penetrating, antiseptic liquid, neither sticky nor greasy and stains nothing. It is easily applied and costs a mere trifle for each application. It is always dependable.
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NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Harriss, have a letter from their son, Andrew Harriss, Jr., dated "In Lorraine" November 11, the day the armistice went into effect, and friends will be glad to read what he says:

"Yours truly has emerged from two times up, without what you would call a scratch—although I have been scratching something something awful! As you know, there are no hot showers up there and one doesn't see fit to bath as he would were he at home or in the company of persons he knew cared; but over here it is out of place. For five long weeks I was up and down a bath, I managed to put my clothes on and take a week and then a 'polka dot' bath. There's nothing that a man can't stand when he has seen the stuff that went on ere we got there and you can bet we didn't wish to waste any time upon ourselves when that time could be devoted to shelling his highness, the king of the Boche. We managed to drive him back and keep him going. I was certainly proud I was in the drive on."

"But cruddy, you a few more souvenirs in a day or so. We are back for rest and ready for any emergency Fritz may see fit to pull off; but we hope it is finished completely. Today at 11 everything boomed and we threw out the steel and our best record yet, and until the morning we were on 'Old Bill' was sorry he ever hit America and he will never get through paying for the countless deeds of atrocity and immorality committed on the helpless women and children of Belgium. Then he got some of our boys directly and indirectly, though not one-tenth as many as we have handed wooden crosses to. We have buried them and can never say that we regret one thing that we have done. We were going up five weeks ago, the second time, and now you can see why we didn't hear from each other. I didn't tell you for I knew I would come out all right, and then I would spring the good news and save you the suspense. See? We went up two or three evenings, fire and every man is here with us. That proves that God is with us. My abode is a most luxurious one now. We made it as follows: Made a cave in the side of a hill, rocked up front, used part sand and part straw for the floor, and an empty powder can, pipe of wide cans cut to fit. Now for the bed; we made a frame covered with barbed wire, the only kind fashionable over here, and proceeded to lay the straw. Sounds a bit crude but the best night's sleep yet was that night when we came from the front. The people of France appreciate the help we have rendered and today the towns that were thought and opened their eyes, so to speak, and peeped forth withillant ringing of the bells. Your letter guessing I was in Tours reached me after a good strafing by our friend the Boche. We silenced his battery in short order. I hurt my foot slightly and went to field hospital No. 36 and general surgeon saw fit to cut open and pack with gauze. He marked my southern accent and asked where I was from, and then asked me if I knew Richard Grant and Marion Harris whom he knew at Swanee. He was connected with St. Luke's hospital in New York and his name is Capt. Robert Siebals. He is a wonder and I am so glad I am up with him. He has done some very wonderful operations. He is so easy with the knife. I am going to him again. My candle is almost burned out and I will finish this tomorrow morning. (Following night): I tried hard to get my feet warm, but they were cold. It was out of the question. Am in my dugout with a pair of Barbary officer's boots of Cordovan and worth \$35. I had damp feet and he kindly gave them to me. Would you let me pay and neither would tell me his name. Kind, eh? Everything is quiet today and I have been working hard to keep things going in my line. Since the fighting has ceased I am supply sergeant, so here I am, and I am in for the duration of the war and as soon as transportation is furnished, we'll be there."

The following is taken from a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. King, Sunset Park, from their son, Lieut. Hiram K. King, Company F, 322nd Infantry, 81st division, giving an account of his part in the "winding up" of the war:
 "I have just come out of the firing line for the first time that I have really been in it. I have been in an attack, the last two days of the war, and I thank God that this war is now over. I pray devoutly that there will never be another war. I was in the hope and belief that this war would end for all time that I went into it. And I trust the great day has come when there will be peace on earth among men. Aren't those wonderful words? You read, Sunday morning—all over America our people read, I suppose—of the general attack of the allies on the whole western front, beginning Saturday morning. My division was at that time in the division, and my platoon happened to get a little further than any other. You will hear of two officers in my regiment, from whom I heard that they were killed. I am not allowed to give their names until their deaths have been officially published. Isn't it a tragedy, from the way we humans see it, that they should be called upon to give up their lives for their country on the third to last day of the war? I pray God to sustain their loved ones and guide them in their hours of darkness and sorrow when they hear of their loss. How I came out alive, how so many of us came out of what we went through alive, I do not see, humanly speaking. But I know you will be distressed to know if I am all right, and I trust this news will get to you first. I am well and whole, without a scratch. Why am I so blessed? I pray that I may live to merit the manner in which providence has indeed blessed me all my life."

SPANISH INFLUENZA MORE DEADLY THAN WAR

Said That Epidemic Cost More Lives Than American Loss in Battle—Danger Not Over. Great Care Necessary to Prevent Further Outbreak.

The appalling ravages of Spanish influenza in this country are perhaps best realized by the statement recently made that more deaths have resulted from this disease than through our whole eighteen months participation in the battles of the European war.
 Our greatest danger now, declare authorities, is the great American tendency to forget easily and to believe the peril is over. Competent authorities claim the coming of cold weather is very apt to bring a return of this disease and there should be no let-up throughout the winter months of the following easily observed precautions, remembering that influenza is far easier to prevent than cure.
 Influenza is crowd disease. Avoid crowds as much as possible. Influenza germs spread when ignorant or careless persons sneeze or cough without using a handkerchief. Cover up each cough or sneeze. Do not spit on the floor, sidewalk, in street cars or public places. Avoid the use of common drinking cups and roller towels in public places. Breathe some reliable germicide and use it to destroy the germs that do find lodgment in your nose and throat.
 Remember, no safer precaution against influenza could be employed in the manner than to get from R. R. Bellamy's drug store a complete Hyomei outfit consisting of a bottle of the Pure oil of Hyomei and a little vespocket hard rubber inhaler, into which a few drops of the oil are poured. You should carry this Inhaler about with you during the day and each half hour or so put it in your mouth and draw deep breaths of its pure, healing germ killing air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs.
 By destroying germs before they actually begin work in your blood, you may make yourself practically immune to infection.
 All these suggestions about Spanish influenza are equally true in the prevention of cold, croup, whooping cough, bronchitis and even pneumonia. Don't become careless. Do your part. Keep the germs away. You may save yourself a serious illness and the loss of several weeks' work—adv.

Headquarters for Out-of-Town Shoppers

New Christmas Goods Arriving Daily

We anticipated the biggest Christmas season that Wilmington had ever known, and bought accordingly. But daily reorders have been necessary since the first of December. These novelties and desirable gift articles are coming in on every express.

You should make it a point to come to the Bon Marche each day and view the latest arrivals.

Two of the several shipments are mentioned briefly below.

Ladies' Crepe de Chine Underwear

(Balcony)
 Lovely silken undergarments, in flesh and pink, trimmed with rosebuds, ribbons and georgette, were among the arrivals yesterday. As one person expressed it, "They are precious."
 Crepe de Chine Camisoles, priced at \$2.50 to \$3.50
 Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemise, priced at \$3.50 to \$6.50
 Crepe de Chine Gowns priced \$5 to \$12.50

Palm Olive Soap 2 for 25c

This popular Soap sells today and tomorrow at the above reduction. 15c size Palmolive Soap, priced at 2 for 25c

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(First Floor—Front)

The assortment which arrived yesterday is the most extensive we have shown this season.

Included are Bengaline Collars, Net and Lace high Neck Jabots, net Chemisettes, Georgette Camisoles, Satin Collars, Satin Collar and Cuff Sets, Stiff Collars and Cuffs, Georgette Ruffled Collars, etc.

In fact, it embraces the various styles that are now in vogue in the largest cities. We advise an immediate inspection, as our neckwear does not linger long.

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