#### THE MORNING STAR. WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1918.



urner Opposes Movement of Wilmington Ministers.

wiary North Carolina Motion Picare Exhibitors Declares Censorship Not Needed-Movie Theatres Are Already Burdened

ring, endorsing the idea state board of censors the subject out at Lexingarner, motion pic-8880opposes the

Carolina Methossion last week the plan and bearing on sented by Rev. M. Grace Methodist The plan will be next general assembly law creating a censorship. Varner's statement is as fol-

contion has been called to a by the Ministerial ilmington advocating sors to pass on all before they are ex-North Carolina.

any idea as producing companies ictures to North Carolina. oductions clamoring for call for the busiest ate, and in order to be productions, it recessary to have a board large number rephase of production endowed with peculiar qualificaupon the varied deliing difficulties that It has been housand times that ith equal claims to racter, have directly estion of what should e admitted. In fact. has been so prevalent censorship has been tried. every instance led to less confusion and trouble, and in cases has long since been repad-

1916, to find out his attitude on federal consorship. And we were delighted to find that President Wilson, the deep thinker and broad-minded man that he is, was opposed to federal censorship. distinctly remember his illustration. He said that if you had a fool friend and you wanted to get rid of him, the best thing to do was to hire a hall and let him make a speech and he would kill himself. He was of the same opinion about moying picturesif a man was fool enough to produce pictures of questionable character, and an exhibitor was unwise enough to exhibit them they would soon destroy

themselves with the public. "Frequently agitation for a board of censorship is started for the purpose of creating an office for some

unable to make a living at anything else and thinks that now is the opporthe adoption of resolutions by the tune time to get a fat job at the ex-Ministers' association at pense of somebody else. the theatre or put a special tax on the film to pay the board of censors. to eliminate In other words, tax somebody to creaware of the fact that the motion picture theatre today is paying more tax

> stance, every theatre owner pays his ordinary taxes like any other citizen to the city, county and state, which he ministers approved should pay. In addition to this ordi- the shipbuilders of the south. While there must be some fautual changes in laws governing American shipping if nary tax the theatre pays a heavy spe-

cial privilege tax to the city, county and state, which is very burdensome. Then comes along the United States it. government and collects an annual seating capacity tax that we have been paying since 1914, which we consider very unjust. In 1917 the federal government put a special tax of five per cent on the value of all films used.

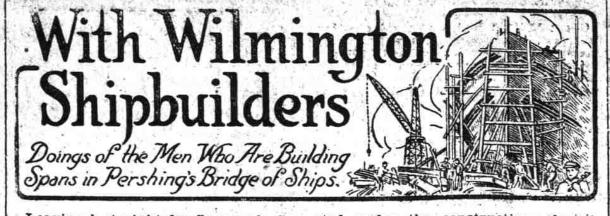
14 per cent on gross receipts from adproposition before congress now to double the tax on films and admission. If this should pass the small theatres

would be put out of business, and the large theatres would have to at least double their price of admission. "Do you think that any special line

of business should be selected and taxed to death? Is that fair, is that equal rights to all and special privileges to none? Isn't that the spirit that we every citizen would have equal chances n life?

"On account of these discrimatory to perfect a closely united group of of the country. owners.

"Instead of having useless burdens distinct branches of service in their situation is the most important quessaddled on the motion picture theatres plan. The service convention will be tion confronting the country. When we naturally expect the fair-minded held in the Savannah hotel, convening the people once are satisfied that the general assembly to tonight and adjourning tomorrow. Mr. lighten these burdens that we have Van Geyt is among those slated for ad- and that the American citizen must be been carrying, and treat us with the dresses durin gthe session. He expects able to own and operate a ship under same justice and equity as any other to return from Savannah Friday. legitimate business. "No class of men have done more or better patriotic war work than the the foot of Church street, which was burdensome legislation will be a mere motion picture exhibitor, not excepting taken over sometime ago by the Lib- detail that will be taken care of very the press. They have worked unsel- erty Shipbuilding company and oper- quickly."-Emergency Fleet News. fishly from the beginning of the war to back up our boys. Every theatre in the state has given up its stage and its screen to the four-minute men for propaganda work. They have been in the forefront of every campaign for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. and have contributed liberally of their means. They have bought Liberty bonds and war savings stamps to the There has not been a slacker limit. in the business. They have done their put on their second bill musical comduty as men. "Knowing the members of the genedy bill. eral assembly as. I do, and knowing New specialties and dance and song the spirit of fairness of the people of numbers will be among the things to North Carolina, I can not believe that there will be any considerable number of people who will stand for the attempt to further cripple the motion picture theatres of this state, who are doing so much to educate, elevate and uplift their ptrons. The motion picture has become exceedingly popular and is not only the poor man's amusement, but is the amusement of the great majority of our people. The people of North Carolina are an inteligent people and they are better qualified to censor the picture shows of the state, and will do it better than any two or three autocratic feebleminded citizens who have been unable to make a living at anything else. feel confident that the moving picture theatres will not be burdened by any further taxation or discriminatory legislation."



Peter J. Van Geyt goes as a represen- ment exclusively for the shipyard, has tative of the Liberty shipyard to the been made a separate department of the concrete shipyard and will 'now feeble-minded citizen who has been organization convention of service and do machine work for the public in genemployment managers of shipyards eral, according t oannouncement made along the south-Atlantic and gulf last night by W. G. Broadfoot, who has been placed in charge of the coasts. The convention will be in ses- works.

"I note that the idea is to either tax sion tonight and tomorrow, probably closing tomorrow night. Called together by H. H. MacGowan, special general counsel of the American Inate a useless office to support some representative of the industrial section ternational Shipbuilding corporation, parasite. The public may not be representative of the industrial section recently gave out an interview in parasite. The public may not be of the Emergency Fleet corporation Philadelphia on the future of the merfor employment and service work, the chant marine which, by reason of the delegates attending the convention position of Mr. Knight and his knowcretary of than any other business in the state according to capital invested. For in- will endeavor to effect an organization ception. Mr. Knight takes an optiwhich will have as its chief purpose mistic view of the shipbuilding posthe promotion of service work among sibilities in America, but declares that

only a comparatively short time, the other nations. idea has been developed to a far

in the south. The northern plants were 50,000,000 tons of shipping in the And last, but by no means least, we efforts along this line by gaining the commerce, there will, within a few pay a special war tax of from 10 to loyalty of their workmen, by keep- years, be need for fifty-five to sixty

million dollars per year. There is a dustries, and by promoting plant effi- been reduced to that figure by the subciency generally.

have been fighting to destroy so that human beings rather than as cogs in ficiency in ships has been supplied the

and burdensome taxes thousands of employment and service managers of theatres in the United States have been shipyards of the South-Atlantic and forced to close their doors during the Gulf states. Industrial managers of of this nation have been too provincial past year, and to my personal know- the scuth, however, have never been and they are not aroused to the neledge quite a number have been forced inclined to deal with their empyoles cessity for maintaining the shipbuildto suspend business in North Carolina as impersonally and machine-like as ing industry and of our country havduring this period, and many others employers of labor in the north, which ing a sufficient merchant marine to have barely made a living for their perhaps accounts for the fact that they take care of its commerce. How to

Leaving last night for Savannah, Ga., ated under the construction depart-

Peter O. Knight, vice-president and service and welfare activities among the United States merchant marine is industrial workers have been in vogue to compete with the trade carriers of

"The needs of the world's shipping." greater extent by industrial plants of said Mr. Knight "call for the constructhe north than by employers of labor tion of thirty-five to forty million tons have reaped a great reward from their world. To take care of the growing ing their employes contented, by re- tons. The world's tonnage today missions, which amounts to about fifty ducing the labor turn-over in their in- amounts to about 40,000,000, having marine sinkings. You may be sure that, with the materials, resources and The south, with an era of commerce man-power that there are in the world and industry such as it has never en- and the necessity for using so much joyed before looming upon its hori- man-power, materials and resources zon, is making up to the advantage of in reconstruction devastated portions developing the personal side of its of Europe, and .n carrying on the acworking men. Managers of industrial tivities in this country which were plants in the south are beginning to necessarily interrupted by the war, it realize that it is to their interests to will take eight or nine years to supply treat the employes of their plants as the deficiency in ships. After the dea piece of machinery. Hence the meet- future of shipbuilding will depend uping in Savannah tonight and tomorrow to nthe ingenuity, resources and brains

> "Now the trouble is that the people were longer in feeling the need for arouse them to the necessities of the

GOODMAN'S The House of Fashion and Quality Ladies' Garments THE HIGHER TYPE ONLY

THREE

### Beg to announce the ar-

rival of

# Silk Dresses

in taffeta and georgette crepe in the very newest shades navy included. These dresses are all new Spring models made up for early spring wear and we made an effort to get them in before the holidays.

We shall be very pleased to have you call in to look

capable of self government her respects, if they can get along out a censorship of the press, why at the same rules under the amaws already provided, sufficiently public in regard to the

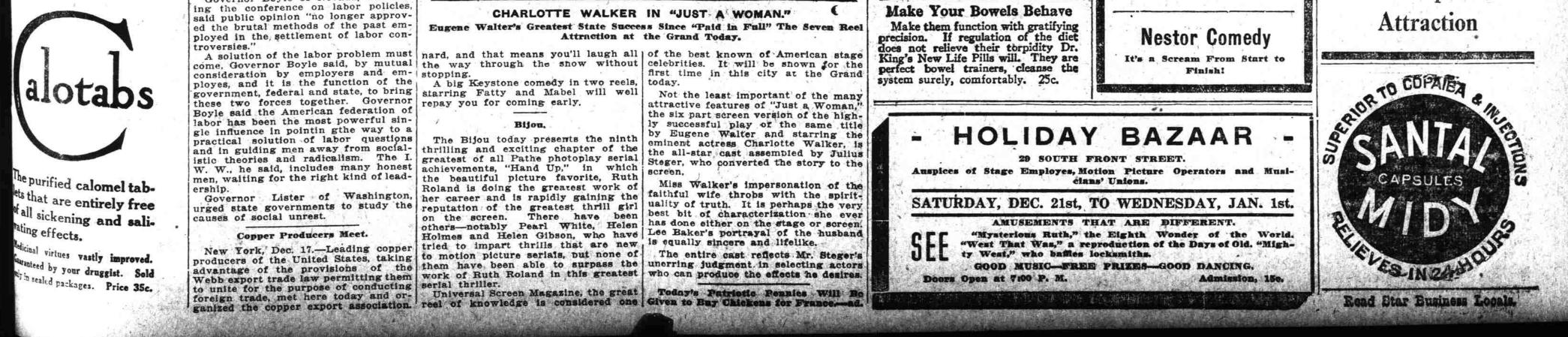
rograms exhibited today in Vir-Tennessee, South Carolina and tomorrew exhibited in Carolina because of the interestablished necessary cirand conflicting state censorships ly confuse and disrupt of eligible films for thereby utterly destroy shed and useful the screen has cognized by the federal governas an indispensable agency for ssemination of public informaused as one of its gencies during the its assistance, no less been invoked for obvious reconstruction prompting this at, it is apparent to all right who have made a f the situation that it is a not a forward prospect uld be promptly, positively and consigned to the junk heap. tegret that this agitation has up again; yet I am not surpeople are not happy ley are busy regulating someinning his busi-

state, and I have no saving that they are the character and ability and love class of our citizendo not exhibit - pictures uestionable character

ave the highest regard for the usters of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that the average preacher doesn't otion pictures would fill olumes. The reason for the fact that very few ministers any kind of show, and if you attend picture shows regularly haturally know very little about

public that patronizes the thealest censor. The people are the exhibitor who unalm off immoral, questhe public is mitting business suicide forced to close his doors of patronage and friends. in company with a party ufacturers and distributors, Wilson at his summer home Lawn, N. J., in October,

The next time you buy calomel ask for





Inspect Naval Academy 'At Annapolis and Go On Sight Seeing Tour of the Old Town.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 16 .- State governors in conference here today inspect-

ed the naval academy, went to Baltimore tonight as guests of the Baltimore Press Club and between times discussed future state labor, educational and public land policies.

At the final session tomorrow the conference expects to take up the question of what is to become of the national guard after demobilization.

The naval academy was in full working order as the governors were escorted through it by Rear Admiral Edward W. Eberle, the superintendent. The governors inspected modern explosives, mines, torpedoes, depth charges, a half ton of fresh bread and great cauldrons of soup, all of them essential parts of the largest naval training academy in the world. The gov-

ernors also passed through the streets of the old town to inspect historic residences. Governor Boyle of Nevada, address-

the flag of his country, all of which will be for the benefit of the nation at The Cape Fear Machine works, at large, then the question of repealing

THEATRICAL

A new bill from beginning to end, of the strongest single reel features and their Boys and Girls from Dixie now produced and will be an added attraction today, also the latest Nestor comedy scream.

Grand.

Tremendous scenes-situations in be expected from this show, but the which the spectator is enthralled-folfeatures will include some new things lowing swift succession in "Just a Wonot before seen in the opening bill man," the powerfully dramatic six Monday and Tuesday and will include part production converted to the a new roller skate specialty by Rollo screen by the eminent director Julius who created such a sensation the first Steger, adapted from the successful of the week. The comedy work will play of the same title by Eugene Walbe in the hands of Al "Skeeter" Ber- ter and starring Charlotte Walker, on

over same.

## GOODMAN'S

### NEGRO DELEGATION WILL GO

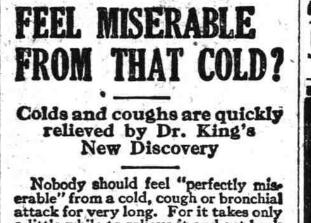
TO FRANCE FOR CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. - 17 .- Delegates were chosen by the national colored equal rights assembly for democracy in session here today to attend the "conference of the darker races of the world," which will be held in Paris at the same time as the peace conference. They are: Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, Boston; N. S. Taylor, Greenville, Miss.; Rev. R. H. Singleton, Atanta; Rev. W. T. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.; Bishop L W. Kyle, St. Louis; Rev. J. R. Ransom, Wichita, Kan.; Monroe Troteer, Boston; Ida B. Wells, Barnett, Chicago; C. J. Walker, New York City,



and Rev. Wm. T. Carter, Seattle, Wash.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Wooden ship builders of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts who have had contracts canceled under the shipping board's revised program, conferred with board officials today in an effort to agree upon a basis of remuneration for losses. They were asked for complete statements of their claims.



a little while to relieve 't and get back on the road to recovery when Dr. King's New Discovery is faithfully used. It soon loosens the phlegm, relieves irritation, soothes the parched, sore throat, brings comfort.

Half a century old and more popular today than ever. 60c and \$1.20.



