

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

AN INVOCATION.

Ah, Life, press close thy passionate lips to mine
 Before we part,
 And let thy mad, ecstatic hunger thro' through all my heart.

Oh, haste the flood tide of thy glorious youth
 Through my slow veins,
 And strike this deadening palsy from my limbs
 With quickening pains.

Then send me lifting, vibrant with thy song
 Upon the course that thou hast charted out,
 And give me all the tasks that weaklings shun;
 That triumphing, I prove beyond all doubt.

The high invincibility of Thee,
 And when my work is done, in Heaven's name
 Oh, let me not to flicker back to Thee
 A feeble, ever-dying little flame.

But take me with a challenge in my throat,
 Clear-eyed and lusty, eager for the strife—
 Bursting all bonds for sheer excess of Thee;
 Then hurl me thrilling into keener life.
 —DuBose Heyward, in *Contemporaneous Verse*.

Miss Mattie Vickers, of Raleigh, returned home yesterday after a brief visit with friends in the city.

Miss Estelle Davidson returned to her home in Burgaw yesterday after a pleasant visit with friends.

Mrs. George B. Berheim and two sons, of New York, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. L. Blumenthal, 501 Dock street.

Mrs. G. W. Hewlett and little granddaughter Frances Moore, left yesterday for Washington to visit her son, L. M. Hewlett.

Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. A. A. Nelms, accompanied by her son, A. A. Nelms, Jr., has gone to Wilmington to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Herrings."

Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. Alex. M. Mansan, of Wilmington, a niece of Mr. L. W. Pridden of this city, is expecting her husband home in a few days. He was wounded in France and is now in the hospital at Fort McPherson, Ga. He arrived in the States three weeks ago with a number of other wounded. After a short stop here he and Mrs. Mansan will leave for Wilmington."

Dance Was a Great Success.
 The entertainment given last night at Hermon Circle club rooms under the auspices of the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters was enjoyed by a large crowd of pleasure-seekers. Dancing began at 9 o'clock and continued until the wee sma' hours of the morning. During the evening a delightful course consisting of turkey salad, orange ice and coffee was served. The proceeds of the entertainment will be contributed toward the support of two district nurses in the service of the county board of health.

Married Christmas Night.
 Miss Gladys Litgen, daughter of Capt. Henry Litgen, of the fire boat Atlantic, and H. LeRoy Taylor, of this city, were married Christmas night at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. F. D. Dean, pastor, performing the ceremony. The young couple left Thursday morning for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will make their home in Wilmington. The bride is a charming young lady who has endeared herself to a large circle of friends, and Mr. Taylor is a popular clerk at the Atlantic Coast Line office.

Lanier-Harper Wedding.
 Fayetteville, Dec. 27.—Miss Kate Haigh Harper, Associated Press stenographer on the Fayetteville Observer, and Louis D. Lanier, of the United States geodetic survey, Camp Hancock, Ga., were married in St. John's Episcopal church here at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. Archer Boogher. The wedding was a complete surprise to most of the friends of the young couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Harper, of this city. She is clever, pretty and popular. Miss Harper had at the press here on the afternoon A. P.

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FIRST N. Y. ASSEMBLYWOMAN.

Thousands of followers and every assemblyman's eyes will be concentrated upon Mrs. Ida B. Sammis, when the New York assembly reconvenes January 1st at Albany. Mrs. Sammis is the newly elected "assemblywoman" of the second district of Suffolk, L. I. (C) Underwood & Underwood.

circuit for the past year. Mr. Lanier was connected with the survey of Camp Bragg here last fall. He has been stationed at Camp Hancock recently but has been assigned to geodetic survey work at Bamberg, S. C.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

AT Y. M. C. A. LAST EVENING.
 A delightful evening was spent at the "Y" from 8 until 11 o'clock last night by a large number of members of the S. A. T. C. who are spending the holidays at home, and other young men of the city, the entertainment being arranged under the direction of the young men's department of the "Y". There were several vocal and instrumental selections, pleasingly rendered, the former by a quartet composed of William Ek, Cecil Hall, Cecil Applebury and Harry Tucker. A mandolin and guitar duet was rendered by Miss Edna LaNier and Cecil Applebury, and was much enjoyed.

The most amusing feature of the entire evening was a cracker eating contest engaged in by a large number of young men. Charlie Cavanaugh winning the prize by eating five crackers "before anyone else could get started." An interesting and instructive talk was made by Odie B. Hinnant, secretary of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. He addressed his remarks principally to the S. A. T. C. boys and urged upon them the importance of returning after the holidays to complete their courses.

In The Local Hotels

Guests registered from this state at the Orton included J. M. Bonehill, A. W. Moore, Southport; Robert M. Holden, Fort Caswell.

North Carolinians registered at the Wilmington included C. C. Martin, M. B. Wooding, Camp Bragg; Fred Moore, Durham; W. C. Gunter, Raleigh; C. H. Cotran, Fayetteville; J. E. Robinson, Supply; A. T. Armstrong, Burgaw.

DOTS

—Divorce proceedings were started in superior court yesterday by Joseph Ellison against his wife, Mary Ellison. —The only deed filed for record yesterday was from W. E. Ferdyew and wife and others to Grace Mace, Cathell for \$1,000 and other considerations, lot on the east side of Seventh street, 165 feet north of Grace.

—A 300-pound porker was run down and killed at the Sixth street crossing in Winter Park by a beach car Thursday night about 9 o'clock. The hog was not mangled beneath the wheels of the car and its owner butchered it, saving most of the meat.

BOLSHEVISM ABOARD GERMAN SHIPS NOT TO BE PERMITTED

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The British admiralty is prepared to take drastic measures against the propagation of bolshevism in that part of the German fleet remaining in German hands, according to a Berlin dispatch today. The sinking of vessels displaying the red flag and the execution of crews infected with bolshevism, are threatened, it is declared.

STATE DINNER GIVEN IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT

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 don, A. J. Balfour and former Premier Asquith.
 Winston Spencer Churchill, J. Austen Chamberlain, Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa; Andrew Bonar-Law Robert Borden, premier of Canada; George Nicol Barnes, labor member of parliament; William Morris Hughes, premier of Australia; Sir Joseph Paton MacLay, shipping controller; Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty; Premier Lloyd of Newfoundland, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Eric Drummond.

Field Marshal Haig, Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander of the British grand fleet; Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, first sea lord; Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, Gen. Sir Henry Wilson, Gen. Sir Richard Turner, Prof. Gilbert Murray, Montague James, Rudyard Kipling, Viscount Farrquhar, Lord-in-waiting to the King; Viscount Sandhurst, the lord chamberlain; the Earl of Chesterfield, master of the horse; Lord Stanmore, lord-in-waiting; Sir Frederick Ponsonby, keeper of the privy purse; the Duchess of Sutherland, the "Lawager Countess of Airlie, the Earl of Shaftesbury, lord chamberlain to the queen; Col. Frank Dugdale, the queen's secretary.

CAPUDINE



A DOSE OF HICKS' CAPUDINE IN A LITTLE WATER RELIEVES HEADACHE Also, GRIP and "FLU"—Try It Trial Bottle 10c; also larger sizes

Picked Up Around Town

Snow Reported Yesterday.
 Deputy Sheriff Asa Allen reported snow in the southern section of the city yesterday morning.

Small Court Docket.
 There was quite a contrast in the docket of recorder's court yesterday and Thursday, there being only four defendants yesterday as against 29 the previous day. There was only one defendant who drew his case, being in the case against James Hawkins, colored, charged with an assault on a female. He paid \$10 and the cost, while Solomon Gray and Dewey Green paid the cost after being convicted of an assault. One other case was continued.

Sunday at St. Andrew's.
 The services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on this last Sabbath of the year will be interesting. At 11 a. m. the communion will be administered with an address by the pastor. The session will meet at 10:30 a. m. At 7:15 p. m. there will be a joint meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies led by Edwin McClure, son of the pastor. The subject will be "Happy New Year." The choir will repeat the Christmas music at night. The subject of the pastor at the evening service will be "The Appearing of Our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Lieut. Sprunt Discharged.
 Lieut. James Laurence Sprunt has returned home with an honorable discharge at his own request. After several months service as ensign on the "Seminole" he was recommended for a special course at Annapolis after which he was ordered to the battleship "New York" and transferred from the navy reserves to the regular army. During the eight months active service with the grand fleet in the North sea, he was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade, and later to full lieutenant, and he is now to return to sea after a year and a half active service at sea.

China Received News, Too.

Mrs. Lou Perry, of Hankow, China, sister of E. H. Freeman of this city, has written an interesting letter to relatives here relating how China celebrated the signing of the armistice November 11. The letter, written under date of Nov. 17, states that the news was received in Hankow the same day the armistice was signed, and the Chinese celebrated the occasion by wildly ringing fire bells and a perfect bedlam of noise. Mrs. Perry's son-in-law, Mr. Kimball, represents the America Tea company in Hankow. Mrs. Perry inclosed in her letter a newspaper clipping stating that one of the streets of Hankow would be named "President Wilson" in honor of America's chief executive.

Wins Marksman Medal.

William McCreary, Jr., of the city with a score of 207, has been awarded the marksman medal. After several months service with the Winchester Junior Rifle corps, a recently formed national organization to promote shooting among the boys and girls in America. Marksman and sharpshooting medals were conferred by the corps to any boy or girl not over 18 years of age. A score of 19 out of a possible 25 on each of ten targets wins the marksman medal, and a score of 24 out of a possible 25 on each of fifteen targets wins the sharpshooter medal. The targets must be shot on a 15 foot range. J. W. Murchison and Co., have been appointed local representatives of the corps, and any boy and girl may register at their store and secure membership certificates, official button and targets.

JOHN R. TOLAR, JR., BACK FROM FRANCE

Fayetteville Man Served Nine Months in "Y" Work With French Army. Porto Ricans Leave.
 (Special Star Correspondence.)
 Fayetteville, Dec. 27.—After nine months' service on the western front with the American Y. M. C. A., serving the French army, John R. Tolar, Jr., of this city, is back in Fayetteville. Mr. Tolar arrived in New York on the transport George Washington on its return trip from Brest after carrying President Wilson to France.

Mr. Tolar served as Y. M. C. A. secretary with the 70th French regiment, which saw much fighting while he was with them. His division was at first ordered into Germany as a part of the French army of occupation, but the order was later rescinded. An interesting souvenir which he brings back with him is a cap presented to him by a French officer which was carried through the battle of Verdun by the officer and through the remainder of the war.

Mr. Tolar completed his education at the University of Louvain. He relinquished extensive business responsibilities here to go to France and do his part in the winning of the war. The Fayetteville man made the prediction last August that "some of us will eat Christmas dinner at home" after observing the morale of captured German soldiers, one of whom was an 11-year-old boy. He arrived at home just in time to make the prediction good. Twelve cars of Porto Ricans left here shortly after noon today for Wilmington, carrying the West Indians from Camp Bragg, where they have been employed as laborers, to Southampton. They will embark at Southport for Porto Rico.

UNCONFIRMED RUMORS THAT EX-KAISER IS ASSASSINATED

Paris, Dec. 27.—Rumors that the former emperor of Germany has been assassinated became current in Paris, notably in the chamber of deputies, last evening. There is not the slightest confirmation of the report up to the present.

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NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

Capt. W. P. Monroe has received letters from his sons, James C. Monroe, Company D, 120th machine gun battalion, and Lieut. W. G. Monroe, fourth anti-aircraft battalion, being their Christmas letters to Captain Monroe. James Monroe wrote from Luxembourg, en route to Germany, and he declared he had "seen the world on foot."

"On my way from the hospital," writes Mr. Monroe, "I stopped in Paris a few days but did not know that my brother Will was anywhere near. He was mighty lucky in not having to go on the front for it was hell on earth. Sleeping in mud and not being able to get out of the hole which you had to dig in a hurried fashion is no pleasant experience. I have been up two nights out of three every time I was on the line, and I had to stay up and awake. I was acting as a sniper and got four hits. I was not supposed to be a sniper, but was with headquarters but I could not resist firing on them. I had to wait in a shell hole and drew plenty of fire from the enemy. I was shot at by you when they shoot at some one else. "I was in Paris the day the armistice was signed and I have never seen such a wild celebration in my life. The people went absolutely crazy. Naturally the Americans in Paris were very popular and were hugged and kissed a thousand times and called the "saviors of France." That night Paris was lighted for the first time in four years. The letter is as follows: I went Paris from the first time I saw it."

Notifying him of the death of one of his sons, another son, First Lieutenant Geo. K. Snow, U. S. A., has written his father, J. A. Snow, of the railway mail service between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, one of the finest letters yet to be published from the number of splendid young Americans who have done their duty on the other side. The letter is dated Nice, France, November 25, and the news of the death of one of the sons, as given by the other, was the first news their father and mother had received from any source of the death of the young man. The letter is as follows: "My Dear Dad: No doubt you have heard by this time that Roy has made the supreme sacrifice for his flag. I cannot realize that such is the case. It doesn't seem possible. God only knows how I envy him, for there could be no more glorious way to give the life God gave us for humanity and godliness against a power of vice and corruption and avarice. "I have been sick myself and sometimes I can't help but wonder if it were not better that I should be gone, but God gave us life and he can take it from us whenever it is His will to do so. I've had the "fit" and the medical major gave me up. A wonderful little French nurse worked over me and now I will soon be well and strong again. "Dad, I just can't write to mama as yet. I've had to write to you. I want you all to not grieve for that boy. I would that I could go across the Great Divide in the same glorious way. I've tried every possible means of getting to the front. I sacrificed certain promotions for the very smallest chances of getting transferred to infantry. They might have had my commission and all if there had been any way, any honorable way, of giving it up. "I have a letter from Roy's company commander and it is a wonderful letter though it only contains a very few words. I will not trust that letter to the mails, but will keep it and always treasure it. He says, 'A better soldier never fought for his country.' That is

GERMANY INQUIRING OF FRANCE REGARDING TRADE

Paris, Dec. 27.—Inquiries already have been made by Germany as to what trade relations she may have with France after peace is made permanent.

A conference has been held in Luxembourg for preliminary consideration of the problem of trade with Germany and other conferences will be held. "We shall ask the German delegates what the right bank of the Rhine can offer in exchange for what the left bank might concede. That will be the basis for negotiations," said Loucheur minister of munitions. Employers of labor in the Briel region have been told by Loucheur that they must adapt themselves to new economic conditions and be prepared to pay higher wages and to concede the claims of their workers in regard to their rights as collaborators.

GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF VARIED CAREER

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 large map of the United States, and beneath it a receptacle containing American flags, and every Yank who visits the hut sticks one of the little flags in the map marking the town in the U. S. A. from which he has registered Jones states that after he had registered from Wilmington, many other North Carolina towns on the map were marked with the flags. "I was living in London, the sergeant with the other residents was kept on a very strict rationing and allowed only one ounce of butter a week. When the bill of fare included potatoes, they were served in their jackets, as the British ministry of food prohibited the housewife wasting a portion of the potato by peeling it. Sergeant Jones says that the Canadian government believes in "playing square" with its soldiers. Every soldier when discharged from service is given the equivalent of the wage drawn by him during the six months prior to his release in order to keep him from "going broke" before securing a job and settling down to civilian life.

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