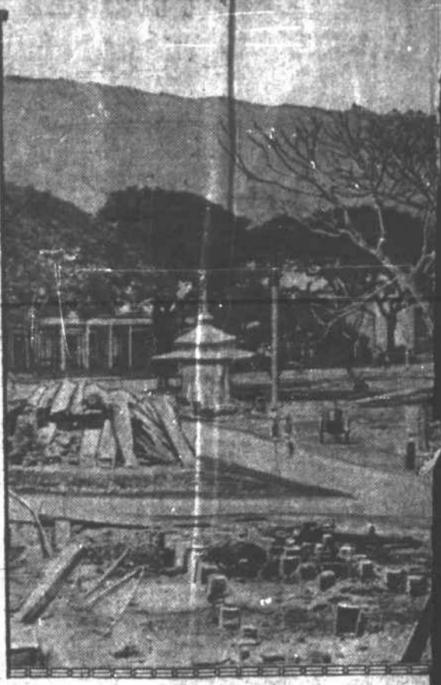


WATERFRONT AT PAPEETE



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BUILDING COMPLETE JAN 1ST

Wake County's New Hospital Building Nearing Completion.—Progress on Court House. Raleigh—Wake county's \$75,000 fireproof county hospital for the aged and afflicted indigent is to be completed somewhere around January 1 and will be a model in every respect and decidedly the most complete equipment for the purpose in the state. The county court house being erected at a cost of \$225,000 for building and equipment has progressed to the extent that the steel work is up and the granite walls are up to about one-third the height of the first story. The walls the balance of the way throughout the four stories will be of steel, brick and an outside veneer of terra cotta that is an exact reproduction of the fluted and spots that characterize the granite foundation, giving the effect of a granite building throughout, with nothing like the cost that the granite would entail. The building is fireproof throughout, the top floor to be equipped for county jail purposes. Chairman John A. Mills of the Board of Commissioners is giving much personal attention to the construction of both the court house and the county hospital. Clerk of the Court A. L. Blow, returning from his home at Greenville says that Greenville is selling very large quantities of tobacco and at very satisfactory prices. He says cotton is practically not being offered for sale at all, the planters nearly having it ginned and taking the bales home and storing them until the market conditions improve. He believes most of the farmers are in position to hold their cotton indefinitely.

PAY OLD SOLDIERS

N. C. CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL PETITION LEGISLATURE FOR INCREASE. MAJ. GRAHAM RE-ELECTED Judge Clarke Spoke of Monument to North Carolina Women of Confederacy.—Praises Donor. Raleigh.—The North Carolina Confederate Veterans' Association wants the state to increase its appropriation for pensions to the ex-Confederate soldiers of the state. At the meeting of the association, which was held in the House of Representatives, the following committee was named to petition the next legislature to increase the pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers: Judge Walter Clark, M. O. Sherrill, Capt. W. S. Lineberry, Maj. W. J. Graham and J. C. Birdsong. Speaking on the motion of Mr. J. C. Birdsong said that the pension list and the pension law ought to be revised. He said that every soldier who served four years in the war ought to be paid something if nothing more than \$5 a year to show recognition of service rendered. He referred to the \$30 a year paid to the wounded, and asked, what is \$30 a year. He said that amount could be spent for cigars. Judge Clark interjected the remark that the Federal soldier gets \$30 a month. Mr. Birdsong, continuing, said that North Carolina promised the soldiers who went to the front that they and their families would be cared for. He said that the state had not kept its promise. The old soldiers do not get enough, he said, and he wanted the committee to petition the legislature to increase the pensions. He also wanted the legislature to increase the accommodations at the Soldiers' Home. He said that we ought to have 500 there. Judge Clark spoke of Ashley Horne's gift of the monument erected to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy in capital square and he thought that it was fittingly located at the capital of the state. In this connection he paid a tribute to the women of the Confederacy and to the generous donor of the monument. Maj. W. A. Graham was re-elected president of the association and Mr. Birdsong, secretary.

Mecca of Buddhist World

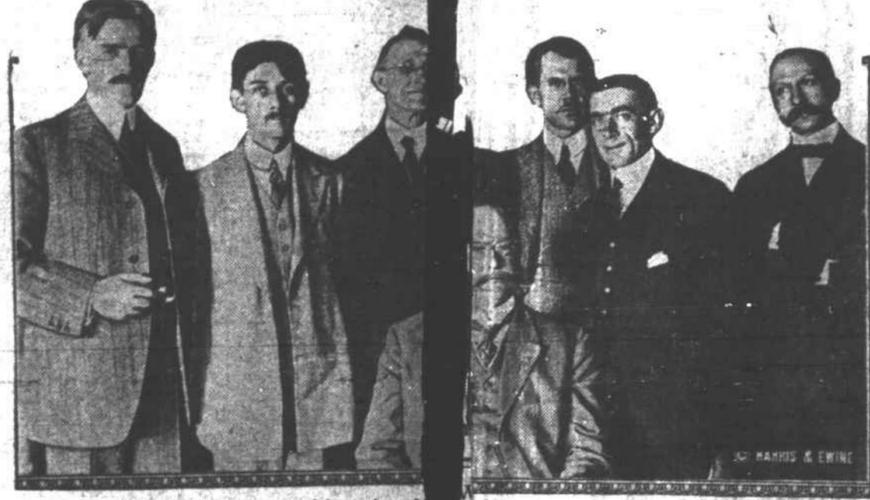
LONG before the clean, green shores of Rangoon become visible to the navigator on the Irrawaddy, there appears above the highest point of the horizon a shaft of gold set in a coronet of gems that throws a rainbow shimmer across the splendid blue of the Asiatic sky. As you draw near the fine old city the jeweled diadem slowly rises and takes definite outline, and presently you behold the great golden dome of the Sway Dragon pagoda, which is the "Glory of Burma" and the Mecca of the Buddhist world. From every viewpoint the radiant temple dominates the city, imposing and glorious—one of the finest sights of the world in its barbaric splendor of color and form. It is the oldest shrine in Burma, the one most frequently visited of all places of worship east of India, and it contains actual relics of Gautama Buddha which have for centuries attracted pilgrims from every part of Asia, even from the remote corners of almost inaccessible Tibet. At first you, being an Occidental traveler, accustomed to the towering architectural triumphs of the West, wonder idly at the compelling attractiveness of the ancient edifice that incites so much speculative reflection; then you gradually become aware of a distinctively personal interest in the golden monitor that greets you so invitingly wherever you turn in your wanderings about the beautiful old town. Finally it takes possession of your fancy, more than any other thing that you have traveled so very far to see; more than the old forts, the ancient shrines, the lovely gardens and the brilliant, light-humored native life—more than anything in all picturesque Burma. Stone Dragons Guard Approach. The principal approach to the temple city—for it is literally a city of shrines clustered about the central pagoda—is guarded by two enormous blue stone dragons behind which rise stairs, in long series, covered with elaborately carved teakwood roofs supported at regular intervals by great stone pillars. The stone steps have been worn very uneven by the countless feet that have gone up and down for more than seven hundred worshipful years. Seats are ranged along the spacious landings for the comfort of the old and decrepit worshippers who find the long climb difficult, and above these seats are numerous very old but finely preserved carvings and frescoes of fanciful design and beautiful workmanship. As you toil upward you meet and pass men and women of all races, some of whom are so remote from you in speech and customs and habits of thought that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find the key of a common understanding between you. Only one word can unlock the deep antipodean silence and place you for an instant on a plane of comprehension with those strange primitive beings whose existence holds nothing that can bridge the vast gulf that separates civilization and medievalism, and that word, "Buddha," which brings light to every Buddhist face. You hesitate to speak experimentally because it has mysteriously become sacred to you in that vast assembly of worship-



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NEW COMMERCIAL ATTACHES OF EMBASSIES



Six of the newly appointed commercial attaches of various States embassies, photographed with Secretary of Commerce Redfield, who is seated. Left to right, they are: Albert H. Baldwin, former chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, who goes to London; Y. Y. Tseng, who goes to Santiago, Chile; Erwin W. Thompson, to Berlin; A. I. Harrington, to Lima, Peru; Dr. Alberto A. Veditz, to Paris.

1,200 Homeseekers Coming

Whitville.—The Homeseekers' excursion, which will come from North and Western states during the progress of the Bolton corn show, November 5, 6 and 7, will bring to Columbus county not less than 1,200 homeseekers and the different commercial organizations of the country are busy preparing for their arrival, and hope to find a suitable place for each one of them. At this time, New Hanover and Brunswick counties will join Columbus in showing to the Westerners what our soil produces, and by this means it hopes to induce them to settle with us.

Three Postmasters Nominated

Washington.—The following North Carolina postmasters were nominated: Junius Bridges, Windsor; Thomas Friesbee, Hot Springs; Millard Hales, Wendell.

COMING EVENTS

- East Carolina Fair, Newbern—Oct. 27-30.
Granville Fair, Oxford—Oct. 28-29.
Cumberland Fair, Fayetteville—Oct. 29-30.
Edgecombe Co. Fair, Tarboro—Nov. 3-6.
State Election—Nov. 3.
Johnson Co. Fair, Smithfield—Nov. 4-5.
Pitt Co. Fair, Greenville—Nov. 12-13.
Anson Co. Fair, Wadesboro—Nov. 18-20.
State Teachers' Assembly, Charlotte—November 15-21.
Tribute Declaration Contest, Trinity College—November 21.
Farmers' Union State Meeting, Greenville, December 13, 20.
Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 19-21, 1915.

TAR-HEEL NEWS BRIEFS

The Locke Craig bridge was destroyed and considerable damage done to the road in Buncombe county by high waters, recently.
J. J. Welch, aged 74, leading citizen of High Point, died a few days ago.
Large crowds attended the state fair at Raleigh.
Mr. Frank Stanland, aged 55, for 40 years a printer, died at the home of his son at Wilmington recently.
Eustace Presson, age 9, was killed and his brother Vance, aged 15, severely injured when caught in a gin belt at Unionville, in Union county a few days ago.
John Mitchell, city manager for Hickory, has tendered his resignation to take effect November 5. The City Council has engaged D. F. McCarthy of New York to succeed Mr. Mitchell.
Asheville will lose seven trains as a result of the decision of the Southern to cut expenses.
Building in Shelby is going right ahead and more buildings are under construction now than at any time this year.
The Markham Garage Company of Greensboro, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,000 subscribed by R. L. Markham and others.
The new knitting mill at Beaufort will begin operations about November 1.
Catawba county will have three dairy institutes in November at which time instructions will be given by experts in the various branches.
With a leg which had been broken the day before when he fell from a scaffold and fractured a rib, in addition to the limb H. J. Hollman, a machinist of Marsville, rolled out of his bed and in some way managed to rescue his wife from a well into which she had plunged to save a neighbor's six-year-old son.
Governor Cray opened the Forsyth County Democratic campaign with an impressive speech at Winston-Salem.
Interested apple growers are planning an apple show for Asheville early in next year.
The Kinston tobacco market expects to handle 15,000,000 pounds of tobacco this season.
The Associated Press has opened an office in Raleigh for the convenience of North Carolina publishers.
Ham Williams was thrown from a buggy near Henderson a few days ago and instantly killed. His neck was broken.
The new \$60,000 Masonic Home at Asheville will be completed by first of year.
Rev. W. W. White, aged 78, a well known Baptist minister, died at his home near North Wilkesboro a few days ago.
Swollen streams are causing trouble to lumber men in Western North Carolina.
The county commissioners have discontinued the office of farm demonstrator for Cleveland county on the ground that the farmers are not taking sufficient interest to justify the expense incurred.

RUINED REIMS SEEN FROM CATHEDRAL



This photograph, made from one of the towers of the famous cathedral, shows the famous cathedral and the city in the foreground is the wrecked home of the archbishop.

ONLY HER OLD DOLL IS LEFT



This is one of the little children of Belgium orphaned by the war. Her father dead, her home in Louvain burned and her mother and sisters scattered, all that remains to her is her hairless, battered doll. It is for the half million children of Europe in much the same plight that plans are being carried forward in America to send Christmas ships loaded with gifts.

GERMANS ARE WELL POSTED

Absolute Thoroughness Shown by Their Distribution of War Fines and Requisitions. Paris.—The discrimination with which the Germans distributed war fines and requisitions in the towns they occupied in Belgium and northern France and the precision with which they chose the most solvent citizens as hostages has been a surprise, but when the details became known the fact was not surprising. For instance, in the city of Lille who had left his job as superintendent of a factory in the city. At Soissons, where the exact proportions of the requisitions, which he called his aide, turned out to be a well-known town, who of course knew its resources thoroughly. "You see," said the officer, pointing to the aide, "there's no use resisting. We are posted by someone who knows." Similar instances were reported from Belgium, showing that every inch of the ground had been carefully studied; the ready money in every town estimated; every suitable horse and every ton of hay located, and the plans of every bridge drawn up. In France their statistics went so far as to show how many bottles of wine might be expected in each locality.

HOW EUROPEAN NATIONS GOT SLICES OF CHINA

Germany's acquisition of Kiauchau followed closely upon the acquisition of areas of interest and spheres of influence in China to foreign powers. Until 1895 no foreign power aside from the Portuguese and English had been allowed to hold possession on or near the coast of China. Japan acquired Formosa by treaty in that year; Russia secured a concession for the Manchurian railway and France obtained a rectification of the frontier of Tong King at the same time. Germany's seizure of Kiauchau, in order of German possessions, followed in November, 1897, with adjacent territory in March of the port of Kwangchauwan on the southern coast for 99 years. On June 9, following, Great Britain leased for 99 years a 300 square mile extension of territory on the main land opposite Hong Kong and about the same time Japan secured nonalienation pledges concerning the province of Fukien.

Conditional Acceptance

It is told of the late Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson that she was much more interested in literature than she was in absolute order when it came to her housekeeping. At one time she and her husband received an invitation to dinner and Mr. Stevenson said in his note of acceptance: "We will come if, in the meantime, Mrs. Stevenson can find her other shoe."

Naval Officers Well Paid

An English writer complains that the pay of American naval officers is with that of similar officers abroad. An American admiral draws, he says, \$10,000 a year, while about \$9,000 is allotted to the same rank in Great Britain, and \$4,500 in Germany; and that the grades of officers are paid equally well to proportion.

New Man

"This hotel is a new man." "Why, I still around." "Yes, but he's a week."—Louisville.