

SERVIAN WOMEN ACT AS STRETCHER BEARERS



The Servians are admittedly putting up a splendid fight, and their women are giving the army invaluable aid. Some of them are here shown serving as stretcher bearers.

HOLLAND NEUTRAL BUT ON GUARD



The queen of Holland is here seen inspecting a frontier guard. Though neutral, the Dutch are leaving nothing to chance. Their army is fully mobilized, the 1916 class of reserves having been called to the colors recently.

WHEN SUNSHINE HITS THE TRENCHES



A graphic idea of what the British "Tommies" at the front had to endure for the past weeks of bad weather is presented in this picture, which shows some members of a famous British regiment taking advantage of a lull in the fighting and rain to renovate their trenches.

TURNED RAGE TO LAUGHTER

How Resourceful Man Saved City of Madrid From Fury of Revolutionary Mob.

It was in the year 1868, after a battle in the Spanish revolution of that year, and the streets of Madrid were filled with angry crowds that were bent on destroying everything and everyone. Suddenly an unknown man appeared at the city hall.

city, and the mob broke up and went home to bed. The man's name was Felipe Ducazal, and he was only twenty-two years old when he cleverly achieved this result.

We are told a deal about heroic things in saving countries by long, terrible rides at night, or by the sacrifice of oneself by dying in somebody's stead, but few of us hear of anyone who saved a town by laughter.

Napoleon Anecdote. "While I was at the military school I tried, I don't know how many times, to overcome the vertigo caused by waiting without being able to succeed. Our dancing master had advised us when practicing to take a chair in our arms instead of a lady. I never failed to fall down with the chair, which I hugged so affectionately as to break it. The chairs in my room and those of two or three of my comrades disappeared one after another."

AIRDALE BEST WAR DOG

British Officer Puts Them Above All Others as a Dumb Companion in the Trenches.

The finest military dog is the Airedale, in the opinion of Maj. E. H. Richardson, a breeder of war dogs, who was in charge of a pack of bloodhounds with the Belgian army until they were lost in the disaster at Mons.

He says the Airedale can stand any climate, is second to none in faithfulness and intelligence, has powers of hearing and scent remarkably acute, and is the right size whether used on sentry duty, scouting, searching for the wounded, or as a messenger or ammunition carrier.

TRENCH SENTRY IN ARMOR



French sentry in the trenches, wearing a heavy coat and helmet, watching Germans who are entrenched but a few yards away.

At Last He Found It.

Irwin Cobb and "Boze" Bulger have had a monopoly of all the new darky stories for such a long time that it is a positive pleasure to be able to relate one they have never heard. This one must be credited to a retired officer whose bachelor apartments are presided over by a Virginia cook of the old school.

Real Warfare.

"Oh, dear, I wish this dreadful war in Europe would stop," said Mrs. Wasserby.

Woman Suffrage Discussion Ended.

The opposition to woman suffrage in North Carolina was given a considerable jolt and the forces that have been fighting for the measure were correspondingly elated over the showing made in the House when, what was considered a test vote on the proposition, came before that body.

FIRST 21 SECTIONS REVENUE ACT PASS

LIVELY DEBATING BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ANTI-JUG LAW, NO REPORT.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh. The House spent a couple of hours in committee of the whole considering the revenue bill and passed upon the first 21 sections of the bill in such way that they were formally adopted before the committee arose to report progress, the sections being adopted practically as they came from the Finance Committee.

Discuss Prohibition Bill. The joint committee from the Senate and House having in hand the bill of the State Anti-Saloon League to stop the shipment and delivery of liquors for beverage purposes heard advocates of the bill for an hour under the direction of Supt. R. L. Davis of the Anti-Saloon League, who offered a substitute for the original bill that so changed the measure proposed as to make it possible to ship wines out of this State and prevent only those shipments and receipts of liquors involved in interstate shipments.

Age of Consent Bill Killed. Despite the earnest plea of Mr. Brockett, of Guilford, the House refused to amend the law raising the age of consent from 14 years, the present statute, to 16 years. The Guilford member argued for the adoption of the substitute bill which came before the House on a minority report which changed the penalty in the original bill, making it a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

Kill Part of Justice Act. After more than five hours of debate on the floor, extending over two days' session, the senate passed the bill to repeal the long and short haul provisions of the Justice Act, substituting therefor the long and short haul provisions of the revision of 1905.

Giles Bill Finally Passes Senate. The Senate finally disposed of the Giles bill for the uniform examination and certification of public school teachers, passing the measure without material amendment 29 to 13. Senator McRae of Mecklenburg contended courageously and ably for the exemption of the Charlotte schools from the operation of the bill, but his amendment to exempt cities of 30,000 was defeated 37 to 8 along with numerous other amendments designed to exempt smaller towns, down even to those with 2,000. It was this move for wholesome exemption of towns that cost Senator McRae his fight.

Aid of Forests of State. Two bills affecting the forests of the state received favorable reports, one of these allowing the state to purchase forest areas and the other to protect the forests of the state from the ravages of fire.

Favorable Report on Amendments. There came a favorable report from the committee on constitutional amendments for the Laughinghouse bill to submit to the people the question of amendment to the Constitution changing the homestead exemption so as to allow \$300 for a wife and \$100 for each child involved in the estate, instead of the present system of \$1,000 exemption out of real estate and \$500 from personal property.

Short Message From Governor. A message from Governor Crag was received transmitting statement as to the salaries in his department and of the Fish and Oyster Commission.

Discussions Educational Standard. The House took up the bill to raise the standard of educational and special training for applicants for license to practice pharmacy and specifying that a person shall not be licensed to practice until he is 21 years old instead of 18, as at present. The bill was opposed by Williams of Cabarrus, a working hard on his poor young man who would be obliged to spend two years at college.

House Bills Reported Favorable. The following bills received a favorable committee report: establish a recorder's court in Robeson; amend act relating to court stenographer in Caldwell; amend relative to pensions; amend law relative to drainage commissions and districts in Catawba; amend state drainage act; repeal act relating to certain advancements made by the state treasurer; to protect the forests of the state against the ravages of fire.

Bill Passed Final Reading as Follows. To amend the charter of High Point; to authorize a special tax in Alexander county for a county home; to pay solicitors and witnesses full fees when defendants are sent to the roads; to allow Shaw University to hold property to the value of \$500,000; to amend the charter of Mount Holly; to amend the charter of Smithfield; to amend the charter of Greensboro College for Women; to repeal the charter of North Edenton.

House Bills Pass Final Reading. Bills passed third reading as follows: relating to bond issue for good roads in Sylva township, Jackson county; to build system of good roads in Gatesville township, Gates county; establishing Cherryville graded school district, Gaston county (an amendment making the bond issue \$30,000 put this bill back on the second reading calendar); Correct land grant of M. T. Davis of Graham county; amend revisal establishing wreck districts. This bill consolidates the New Hanover and Brunswick wreck district. Prohibiting the selling and shipping of quail in Davis; repeal the rabbit law of Person; incorporating certain churches in Montgomery; amend act establishing office of auditor in New Hanover; amend act establishing recorder's court in Vance County; prohibit buying and selling of quail in Chatham, Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, Union, Anson and Macon county. Permit election of chief of police by Aulander; amend the Duplin county road laws; repeal the law as to wire fences in Mitchell county; amend the Caswell county road law; specify the fees that road supervisors shall receive in Martin county; relieve certain townships in Chatham county from road taxes when they vote road bonds; amend the road law of Transylvania county; regulate the width of wagon tires in Montgomery county; abolish the office of county treasurer in Washington county; amend the Washington county road law; allow the use of convicts on street and road work in Washington county; repeal the road law of Shalotte, Brunswick county; repeal the 1913 act as to fees of Duplin county officers.

Madame Panaretoff, wife of the first minister to be sent to the United States by Bulgaria, is a Massachusetts woman, and her wooing and wedding make a pretty romance.

WHO IS WHO NOW

Since Yuan Shi Kai has declared himself president for life of the Chinese republic, with power to nominate his successor, and furthermore has made himself the head of the Chinese state religion of Confucianism, many persons are wondering if he will not soon proclaim himself emperor.



WILL YUAN BECOME EMPEROR?

While there was no one to predict that the young Yuan Shi Kai would ever become a "Son of Heaven" there were plenty who knew the gentleman in his youth who were willing to wager anything they possessed that he would make his mark in the world. The Manchus, the Chinese and the foreigners in China all labeled him "a coming man."

He was born in 1859, the son of a district governor. His school teachers picked him out for a bad egg, for to save his life he could not master the old classics as the good little boys in the class could. In China the very first thing to be accomplished if you wish to enter official life is to master the classics.

So Yuan Shi Kai, the failure, gave up his aspirations and went into Korea as a secretary to the army. Li Hung Chang appointed him to a most important position at Seoul when Yuan was only twenty-six years old. After the war with Japan he reorganized the Chinese army, and it is generally asserted that a few years later he helped the Empress Dowager wrest the throne from the Emperor Kuang Hsu.

When the republic was founded in 1912, he had attained such power that he compelled the retirement of the provisional president and himself assumed the office of president. He has ruled with great firmness, authority and ability, according to some of the foreign residents of China, but with a tyranny greater than that of any emperor in recent years, if the word of many Chinese is to be taken for truth.

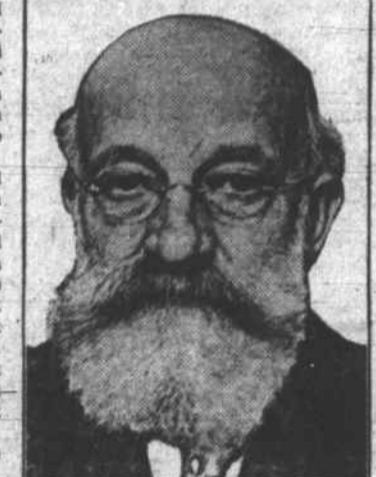
COLONEL CROOK'S JUBILEE

Col. William H. Crook, disbursing officer of the White House, celebrated recently his golden jubilee as an employee in the offices of presidents, and everybody connected with the executive mansion, from President Wilson down, congratulated heartily the man who is known as the "White House encyclopedia."

It was 50 years ago that Colonel Crook, then a metropolitan policeman who had served in a district regiment in the Civil War, was assigned as a bodyguard to President Lincoln along with four other policemen. He was not with Mr. Lincoln the night of the tragedy in Ford's theater, but he had wanted to accompany Mr. Lincoln and had been told that it would not be necessary. He served in the same capacity for President Johnson, in the White House.

Through all administrations since then Colonel Crook has remained, serving each so faithfully and efficiently as to receive praise from the highest officials of all. President Wilson himself joined in the general congratulations to Colonel Crook, complimenting him on his splendid record. Secretary Tumulty and all the executive clerks joined in a group picture with Colonel Crook as the central figure.

Colonel Crook is a veritable encyclopedia on White House affairs of the past, and has written a number of magazine and newspaper articles giving some of his experiences. He can throw light upon many of the dim and musty archives of the White House. His health is good and he is at his desk each day with the youngest of the White House employees.



REAR ADMIRAL CLARK



Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark who, when a captain, took the battleship Oregon on its famous trip from San Francisco around the Horn in time to take part in the battle of Santiago, will not be in actual command of the Oregon when she passes through the Panama canal in March at the head of the procession of modern dreadnaughts, cruisers and destroyers. The rear admiral, however, will be on the bridge of his old battleship and so far as appearances go he will be in command.

The reason that the old officer will not issue the orders on the trip through the waterway is a simple one. Under the rules governing the passage of the canal no captain is allowed to command his ship while the journey is being made from Colon to the City of Panama or the reverse. When a pilot comes on board a ship he is in supreme command and the United States government, by the advice of the governor of the zone, has decreed that every ship going through the canal must have on board a pilot who shall rank every man on the vessel whether he be the president of the United States, an admiral of the navy or what not.

Rear Admiral Clark, standing on the bridge of the Oregon, will have under him a large part of the crew of the old Oregon which won fame in the Spanish war. The rear admiral will still be "Captain" to his men. It is said the old sailor and the men who served under him are looking forward to the reunion with a heart-quickenng enthusiasm.

MADAME PANARETEFF'S ROMANCE

Dr. Stephen Panaretoff held a chair in the Roberts college at Constantinople for many years, and during that time became familiar with Americans and American customs and ideals. It happened that a charming woman named Lydia Giles of North Andover, Mass., and noted for her vivid intelligence, went out to Constantinople to teach in Roberts college and met Doctor Panaretoff in the usual order of things collegiate.

It was not until one day when she was riding out among the hills and her mount became vicious and threw her on to the rocks that Doctor Panaretoff became a potent factor in her life. He rescued her from certain death, and thereby began the interesting love story, which still goes on in the newest legation in Washington, established in the modest Noble house on N street.

