BATTLE ON EAST FRONT

GERMANY CLAIMS TO HAVE TAK

EN MANY RUSSIAN PRISON-

ERS IN ADVANCE.

mering Away at The German Posi-

tions.-British Freighter Sunk.

London.-Germany claims another

decided success along the Eastern line

of Sieniawa, the German report said

that along a line extending over 43

miles the entire positions of the Rus-

oners fell into their hands. The Rus

mentioned the locality where this ac

tion is said to have taken place in a

paragraph declarng the Austro-Ger-

mans, after heavy losses in the re-

gion of Mosciska recently did not re-

According to Petrograd, the Aus-

tro-Germans again have crossed the

Dniester, where a briliant cavalry

charge at Zale Szczky resulted in a

local Russian success, but no claim is

made that the invaders were pushed

back across the river. A crossing of

the river at this place may not be a

serious affair for the Russians as it is

remote from Lemberg and an advance

In the West the French continue

their battering tactics against formid-

able German positions, with some assistance from the Belgians, who have

thrown a battalion across the Yser to

the east bank, where south of the Dix-

mude Railway bridge they destroyed

a German blockhouse. They claim to

have retained this position against

Berlin claims the French suffered

severe defeat on the frontier north

of Souchez and Pavis admits the loss

of German trenches previously cap-

German submarines accounted for

another big British freight steamer,

torpedoed off Saint Ives. England

The crew was saved. Another British

steamer, the Arndale, of 3,583 tons

struck a mine in the White Sea and

sank while bound for Archangel. The

French schooner Diamant also has

torpedoed by a German submarine off

Charge Tampering With Witnesses.

nesses before the court of inquiry, in-

vestigating the Naval Academy exami-

by Congressman James Hay, counse!

midshipmen "that they have been tak-

of the Academy and there that either

the superintendent or his aide had

position in this case what would hap-

pen to them," indicated tampering

Effort Made to Unite Forces

Washington,-The United State

was formally notified by General Vil-

la on behalf of the Mexican conven-

tion forces that he had telegraphed

General Carranza urging a conference

for the restoration of peace in Mexico

This step is the first development re

sulting from President Wilson's warn-

themselves some other means would

Washington Is Optimistic.

or two have found a belief prevalent

from further devastations

with the evidence of the witnesses.

Annapolis, Md .- A virtual charge of

German counter-attacks.

tured in that section.

Pendine, Wales,

trade in this staple worth about \$800,- the Hopemount, of 3,300 tons, being

Carranza faction be possible. Tagle tampering with the evidence of wit-

threw the Madero administration. He nations, was made against Admiral

left Mexico City then and since has Fullm, superintendent of the Academy,

Villa's peace overtures to General for seven of the midshipmen defend. Carranza have borne no fruit but such ants. Hay said that the evidence of

Vera Cruz indicates that the first en to the office of the superintendnt

that his forces soon will obtain a mili- told them that if they took a certain

contrary, it leaves the way open to ing to all Mexican factions that unless

a friendly discussion and the reach- they came to an agreement among

to both sides. Especially pleasing is be employed by the United States

the offer to me late between Germany to relieve the suffering population

New York.—A resolution introduc-ed by Mayor Curley of Boston, ap-feels encouraged by reports that the

the attention of Congress to "the and the United States will have

defense, was unanimously adopted by dent and other officials in the last day

paredness conference of the National that chances for an amicable under

Security League. The Massachu- standing are much better than the

from it might expose the Austro-Ger

only

sian official report, however,

sume the offensive.

man flank.

UNSOILED

CHARAZO OFFERS TO THOMAS J. JARVIS MAINTAIN DIGNITY

MEXICANS WILL OBJECT IF WIL SON'S WARNING SHOULD MEAN THREAT.

ANXIOUS TO SECURE PEACE HAD A

Villa-Zapata Convention Willing to Co-operate With Other Factions to End War.

Washington.-The United States Government was informed by Francisco Charazo, President of the Villa Zapata convention in Mexico City. that if President Wilson's recent warning to Mexican factions to compose their differences should signify 'pressure or threat" the Convention Government "still harboring the conscience of its sacrifices, will maintain the dignity of the Mexican people."

After declaring a willingness to make peace with the Carranza faction the note says in part:

"The Conventionist Government does not see, does not wish to see, in the substance of the declaration. made by President Wilson anything more than an advice, a friendly suggestion to induce the contending groups to wipe out their differences and lead them into the path to the end pursued by the revolution. Coming to the declaration that if we Mexicans can not settle our differences within a very short time the Government of the American Union will find itself constrained to decide as to what means it shall use to bring it about, the Conventionist Government can not understand how President Wilson previously declares in the same note that the United States does not desire or claim any right to settle the affairs of Mexico and more to the same effect. The same chief of the American Nation made at Indianapolis the following categorical declarations:

"'I am proud to belong to a powerful Nation which says that Mexico which we could crush, will enjoy the same liberty in the management of its affairs as we enjoy. If I am strong I should be ashamed to dictate to the weak in the measure of my strength. My pride consists in keeping my strength free and not in oppressing another people with it.'

"If contrary to the interpretation which in the most friendly sense the Conventionist Government puts upon President Wilson's declarations, this closing part should signify a denial of the instinctive sympathy generously demonstrated to the Mexican revolution and should further signify pressure or threat, the Conventionist Government still harboring the conscience of its sacrifiecs will maintain the dignity of the Mexican people. We continue, however, to conjecture that the general idea of the Government of the United States is to help us in a friendly way to bring to an end our fratricidal struggle which would be for the greatest good of the country. The government is ready to bring about by all means consistent with its dignity the fusion of all the contending groups, to initiate all the economic, political and social reforms aimed at by the revolution and to establish a strong stable government with which all tendencies and all legitimate interests will find the fullest favor and enjoy the guarantees which our fundamental law provides."

ANOTHER PERPLEXING PROBLEM

Complaint of Swedish Minister About Censoring of Mail.

Washington.-United States officials are confronted with a perplexing prob lem in connection with the complaint of the Swedish minister here that private mail from New York to Sweden has been opened while passing through English ports.

Inasmuch as cable messages passing through belligerent countries are subject to censorship the view taken in official quarters was that private letters passing through these nations were liable to the same risks if they contained military information.

President Calle on Mr. Bryan. Washington. - President Wilson alled at the home of former Secretary of State Bryan to bid good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan before they depart for a Southern trip. The visit was described as entirely social and there were no references to the international situation. Secretary McAdoo called later. "I am glad to make refutation," said Mr. Bryan, "and to say that the president has done me the honor to confer with me about everything done in connection with the state department."

Seventeen Killed in Storm. Kansas City, Mo.-Seventeen lives were lost, a score of persons were injured and property damages estimated a quarter of a million dollar was done by a wind, hail and electrical storm which centered in Missouri and Kansas. The heavy fall of rain-ranging from two to five inches-turned many small creeks into turbulent streams and sent the rivers to which they are tributary on rapid upward spurts. Weather forecasters said flood conditions in the Blue, Republican and Colomon River valleys were serious.

Affirms Becker Decision. Albany, N. Y.-The court of appeals dealed the application of Charles Becker for a re-argument on its decision affirming his sentence of death. Becker convicted of inspiring the murder of Herman Rosenthal, is in the Sing Sing death house, sentenced to die during the week of July 12. Intervention by Governor Whitman, or the United States court alone can save him according to legal authorities. Little hope is expressed that Federal court will favor or that the governor will grant clemency.

HAS PASSED AWAY

EX-GOVERNOR OF NORTH CARO-LINA DIES AFTER LINGER-ING ILLNESS.

GLORIOUS CAREER

Was 79 Years Old at Time of Death. Had Been Minister to Brazil and United States Senator.

Greenville, N. C .- Weakened by the weight of the years which had brought him countless honors and the love and veneration of the entire Commonwealth, which he served with singular ability and wholly unselfishly, Thomas Jordan Jarvis, former Governor of North Carolina, Minister to Brazil and United States Senator for the unexpired term of Vance, died here at his home, aged 79 years.

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COTTON

CLAIMS HEARD

New Arrangement is Expected to The French Troops Are Still Ham

had been granted for the settlement Northwest of Mosciseka, in the region

porters on account of detentions and slans were taken and that 16,000 pris

SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT

MAY BE MADE AT THE NEW

YORK CONSULATE. .

Speed Up Settlement.-Talk of

Making Cotton Contraband.

Washington.-Notice was given by

the British Embassy that authority

and payment at the Embassy here

and at the Consulate General in New

York of the claims of American ex-

This arrangement will affect many

shippers whose cargoes consigned to

neutral countries of Europe, have been

seized under the British order-in-

council. It is expected to facilitate

settlement, since proofs of ownership

and destination can be submitted and

verified much more quickly in the

United States than in British ports.

It was said that progress was be

ing made on negotiations looking to

another extension of the time allow-

ed by the British Government for the

filing of evidence that American-own-

shipment to the United States from

neutral countries was bought before

March 1 last. This time expired sev-

Plans have been broached for the

separation of goods of unquestioned

shipments of doubtful character, and

if these can be prefected, it is believ-

ed that the British authorities at least

will consent to the free movement of

the former without being subject to

Early in the war the British Gov

rnment had in contemplation the

declaration of cotton as absolute con-

traband, because it is the basis of

smokeless powder and gun cotton.

Upon urgent representations by the

United States that such a declaration

would paralyze an American export

000,000, Great Britain withheld the

Suggests Tagle For Head.

Washington.-Manuel Vasquez Ta-

gle, minister of justice in the cabinet

of Madero since Huerta's coup in

agreed on by leaders of the Villa-Zap

ata coalition for the provisional pres

idency should an agreement with the

was the only cabinet minister who

lived in the United States. General

information as has reached here from

chief is unwilling to enter into confer-

ences with his adversaries, insisting

tary supremacy which will merit rec-

Germany is Pleased With Note.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville .-

Among the items given out by the

Overseas Agency is the following:

"Political circles and the press gen-

erally are pleased with the second

American no p. concerning the Lusi-

tania incident. It is not an ultima-

tum and it contains no sharp expres-

sions as had been predicted. On the

ing of an understanding satisfactory

Prompt Action is Needed.

the delegates to the peace and pre-

and Great Britain.

ognition.

February, 1913-virtually has

threatened action.

consideration by the prize courts.

exemption from seizure from other

eral days ago.

ed goods of German origin awaiting

appropriation of cotton.

For several months he had been in failing health, but during the past few weeks had rallied and so brought hope to his friends that his life was to be spared perhaps for years to come. A gradual decline, however, further enfeebled him and he became a part of the state's most prideful history. The story of his life is a succession of periods of great usefulness. Born at Jarvisburg, January 18, 1836, the son of Rev. B. H. and Elizabeth Jarvis, he graduated from Randolph Macon College in 1860, joined the Army of the Confederacy in 1861 as a private and fought his way to the rank of a captain, and stayed at the until his right arm was shattered by a bullet in 1864 and he was forced to leave the service.

He was a member of the State Constitutional Conventions of 1865 and 1875, early gaining the confidence of those who were regenerating the Commonwealth. He was admitted to the bar in 1868 and at once began the practice of his profession. In 1868 and 1872 he was presidential elector. December 23, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary Woodson. He became a member of the General Assembly and served throughout the terms of 1868-1870-71, and during the last term was Speaker of the House. Elected Lieutenant Governor in 1877 he became Governor when Governor Vance was elected to the Senate in 1879. He was elected Governor for the next term and served until 1885. From 1885 until 1889 he was Minister to Brazil. In 1894 he was chosen at Vance's death to fill the unexpired term, and so was Senator for a year, In 1896 he was delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention. Since that time he had retired from office, but not from public life.

U. S. Mail Opened in England. Washington,-Formal notice that United States mail pouches destined for Sweden had been broken open in England and their contents tampered with, was submitted to the state de department by W. A. F. Ekengren, the Swedish minister, with a request for appropriate action.

The minister called at the department and delivered to Secretary Lansing a letter written on instruc tions from his government, reciting instances of interference with mail for Sweden and pointing out that such acts were in violation of the provisions of the World Postal Convention and of other treaty stipulations. The letter stated that the seals of mail bags were broken, that letters were opened and censored, and that one registered unit was retained. While various reports have been in circulation as to the interference with mail since the outbreak of hostilities in did not resign when Huerta overthe first official communication on the subject.

Warneford Is Killed In Flight. Paris.-Lieut. Reginald A. J. Warneford, who gained fame recently by blowing to pieces a Zeppelin over Belgium was killed by the fall of an aeroplane at Buc. France. Lientenant Warneford was piloting the machine which had as a passenger Henry Beech Needham, the American writer who was also killed.

A Statement From Rome. Rome.—An official communication issued by the Ministry of Marine says: "The submarine Medusa, which had accomplished a useful and daring service of exploration, has been torpedoed by an enemy submarine. According to an Austrian official communication an officer and four men of the crew were saved and made prisoners. One of our dirigibles flying over the intrenched camps of the enemy let fall powerful bombs on the important railroad branch of Divaca. causing serious damage.

Peace League is Organized. Philadelphia.—Within historic Inde-pendence Hall—the appiversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill—there was pealing to President Wilson to call pending negotiations between Germany formed an organization whose object will be to promote the creation of a pressing need of prompt and efficient peaceful outcome. Those who have deague of Nations with a view to action" with regard to the National discussed the situation with the presipreventing wars or, at least, to lessen the possibility of armed conflict. The name adopted by the organization was "League to Enforce Peace, American Branch." William Howard Taft was elected president and a list of citizens were named as permanent

In Order to Raise Crops He Pits Himself Against Weather and Seasons-Forces Soil to Wishes.

A farmer's life is one incessant In order to raise his crops he pits himself against the weather and seasons; he forces the soil to his wishes; he wars against the plant the discipline and development which turn; scarcely a week passes in which world, the animal world, the insect in the very nature of the case that

make one stand aghast? After I had low-farmers were waging disclosed rought to some realization of this as-

inadvisable and was abandoned

setts delegates at first proposed that have been at any time since the Lusia special session of Congress be de- tania tragedy. This feeling is under manded, but such action was deemed stood to be based on both official and impofficial reports from Berlin.

CONSTANT FIGHT OF FARMER, world, the bacterial world, writes Ar (life must receive. I often contrast the | sometimes considerably. Those mo thur M. Judy, in Atlantic. Is not that lot of the clerk at his books, or the a fight, looked at philosophically, to mechanic at his bench, or the professional man at his desk, with the lot been on the farm seven years the tre of the farmer. The dangers and unmendousness of the fight that my fel- certainties they confront seem to me extraordinarily mild compared aght. Think what he dares! He dares itself to me with a force no figure of the risk the farmer runs. That the to try to control the face of this speech can convey. Until one can be former will be paid for their work is almost certain; it is extremely uncer pect of the farmer's life, he has no tain whether the farmer will be paid adequate grounds for comprehending for his. He must dare to lose at every

GERMANS STILL

RUSSIANS ARE MAKING HEAD-WAY ON ONLY ONE PART OF THE LINE.

HARD FIGHTING IN THE WEST

Heavy Fighting Over a Considerable Area.-More Zeppelin Raids on English Coast Towns.

London.-For the first time in weeks there has been heavy fighting over a comparatively extensive line of the British front in Belgium and Berlin describes it as an Anglo-French movement synchronizing with Russian reverses in Galicia. win a mile of front, and then to lose it before terrific German counterattacks was the experience of the British recently near Festubert. In a statement, frank if brief, Field Marshal French records this incident, but does not state the losses, which must have been heavy on both sides.

The Germans are as frank in con ceding the loss of ground near Ypres, but do not mention having been force ed, even temporarily, to yield a mile of their Festubert stronghold.

In the East the Austro-German advance continues to swing forward with the exception of the section be tween the Dniester marshes Zurawna, where the Russians holding the bridgeheads are making some headway.

General von Mackensen, according to dispatches, has given himself a fortnight in which to capture Lem berg, and it would seem that, at the rate his and co-ordinate forces are going forward, this time limit will be ample if the Russians are unable to initiate a stiffer resistance than they are showing now.

The latest Zeppelin raid on England was created hardly a ripple of excitement. Air craft protection was one of the subjects discussed in the House of Commons, Williams Joynson-Hicks urging an increase in this branch.

Not to Answer Plea For Joint Action Washington.-General Carrana has declined for the present at least to accept overtures for peace in Mexico made by the Villa-Zapata faction. Three such offers have gone unans wered. The latest was made through the medium of the United States. A few days ago the convention government in Mexico City, over which Francisco Lagos Chazaro presided, formally presented to the Brazilian minister, as representative of the American government for transmission to General Carranza a proposal for a 30-day armistice, during which arrangements could be made for establishing a provisional government. The plans called for a popular election. The proposal was communicated to General Chrranza. On inquiry as to whether there would be any reply, General Carranza is understood to have said there would be none

Think Nebraskan Was Torpedoed Washington.-Ambassador Page at London has forwarded a complete report of naval experts who examined the American steamship Nebraskan, fragments of metal found in ship, which are said to strengthen the conclusion that the ship was torpedoed and did not strike a mine. State department officials said that portions of the report, which is coming by mail, might be made public.

Nineteen Killed By Aerial. Karlpane, Baden, via wireless London.-Nineteen persons were killed and 14 seriously wounded while ing the attack on this city by a fleet of French aeroplanes. The people remained calm but are incensed because of the attack upon an open

French Torpedo Boat Sunk. Cherbourg, via Paris.-The French torpedo boat No. 331 sank after a collision with the British Arleya. Six of the warship's crew were drowned. The others were rescued by topedo boat No. 337.

Chicago's Steret Car Strike Ends. Chicago.-The strike of 14,000 Chicago street car men which began Monday was called off. All points at issue will be settled by arbitration. Operation of cars on all lines was to be resumed as quickly as the striking men could be notified. The end of the strike which has tied up electric transportation for two days, came with the selection of Mayor William Hale Thompson as third member of a board of arbitration, the main question at issue. The officials of the company will select an abritrator.

Was Dr. Gerard Supply Purchaser. Washington. — Published charges that Dr. Anton MeyerGerhard, for whom the United States arranged a safe conduct with the Allies that he might return to Germany with a personal message from Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the army, who had been secretly in the United States for some time buying munitions of war, are to be investigated by the state department in the near future.

ments in a battle when it seems as if every plan had gone to smash, which so test the fortitude of a general, are moments which a farmer experiences more frequently and more strenuously than men in most occupations.

What Alled It. Mrs. Styles-How do you like this ew bonnet of mine, dear?
Mr. Styles—Can't say that I like it "Well, wait a minute; perhaps I've got it on straight." PRIZES HAVE BEEN AWARDED

By Farmers Union for Best Written School Children.

Raleigh-Announcement made by Farmera' Union committee of the winners of the prizes offered by the Union for the best accounts of com-munity service observance written by school children in the ten districts of North Carolina, and the awards for the best accounts of co-operative work by the local unions.

The school children winning prises which were \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.50 deominations were:

First District-George H. Privott, Tyner; Miss Lucie Harris, Swan Quar-

ter; Clye Privott, Tyner. Second District-Miss Nettie Mas Worsely, Rocky Mount; Earl Griffin,

Elm City; no other contestant. Third District—Miss Ruby Williams, Clinton; Miss Mamie Williams, Clinton; Mss Annie Daniels, Goldsbero.

Fourth District-Miss Annie Clee Brewer, Nashville; Miss Lutle Smith Louisburg; Miss Pauline Floyd, Kitt-Fifth District-Miss Susie Blalock

Roxboro; Ralph F. Whitefield, Rox-boro; Miss Jessie Wilkerson, Rox-Sixth District-Miss Mary

Smith, Hallsboro; Miss Letha Blanchard, Hallsboro; Miss Clara Thomp-Seventh District-Gwynn Griffin,

Marshville; Gladys Cardwelly Paristy; Miss Eula Foster, Congo. Eighth District — Ivey Ostwalt, statesville; no other contestants.

Ninth District-Miss Mary Bell Audrey, Pineville; no other contestants. Tenth District — Mohhis Stevens, Biltmore; no other contestants.

At the same time prizes were awarded the following local unions for best array of actual facts of wrok. along the different lines of co-opera-tive effort. Eight of these lines altogether had been determined upon, such as co-operative ownership of farm machinery, co-operative buying, co-operative selling, co-operative ownership of stock.

Water and Light Association Meets. Ashevillet-The Tri-State Water and Light Association of the Carolinas and Georgia, in annual session at this city, adopted resolutions en-dorsing the administration of President Wilson and pledging the support of the members of the association to the administration. A copy of the resolutions was sent to the chief executive immediately following "the meeting. They were adopted following the rendition of national airs by an orchestra and the raising of an American flag on the stage of the convention hall

*Farmers visiting Newton report that the damage done by the recent storm was severe. Bottom corn was flood ed, buried and washed clean away.

WEATHER FORECAST.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States. - Showers Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday with temperatures above the seasonal average.

NORTH CAROLINA MARKET.

Prices of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Pens, Butter, Eggs, Etc., on North Caro-lina Markets During Past

Asheville-Corn, 93c bu; oats, 57%c bu; Irish potatoes, 91 2-3c bu; Western but-ter, 32c lb; N. C. butter, 32c lb; eggs, 18-20c dos. 20c dos. Charlotte—Cotton, 9c; corn, 92c bu; coats, 68c bu; soy beans, \$1.50 bu; peas, \$1.55 bu; N. C. butter, 32c lb; eggs, 20c dog.

Durham—Cotton, 9c; corn, 90c bu;
cats, 58c bu; peas, 35 bu; Western butter,
30c lb; N. C. butter, 30c lb; eggs, 17c dog.
30c lb; N. C. butter, 30c lb; eggs, 17c dog.

Durham—Cotton. Se; corn. 80e bu; cata, 5åc bu; pena, \$3 bu; Western butter, 30c b; N. C. butter, 30c b; eggs, 17c doz. Fayetteville—Cotton. Se; corn. 80-95c bu; cata, 5åc bu; pena, \$2 bu; Irish potatoes, 75c bu; Western butter, 30c bi; N. C. butter, 32c b; eggs, 25c doz. Greensbore—Cotton, Se; corn. 85c bu; oats, 85c bu; pena, \$2.25 bu; Irish potatoes, 75c-\$1 bu; western butter, 30c bi; N. C. butter, 30c lb; eggs, 18c doz. Hamlet—Cotton. 8½c; corn. \$1 bu; cata, 56c bu; pena, \$2 bu; Irish potatoes, 51.25 bu; Western butter, 30c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 20c doz. Maxion—Cotton. 8½c; corn. \$1 bu; soy beans, \$1.75 bu; Western butter, 23c lb; N. C. butter, 35c lb; Salisbury—Cotton, 8c; corn, \$1-85c bu; cots, 85c bu; western butter, 32c lb; eggs, 18-20c doz. Hickory—N. C. butter, 35c lb; N. C. butter, 35c lb; N. C. butter, 35c lb; N. C. butter, 35c lb; eggs, 17-20c doz. Scotland Neck—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 95c-31 bu; oats, 65c bu; segs, 15c doz. Vanceboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-81 bu; oats, 65c bu; soy beans, \$1.75 bu; pena, \$1.75 bu; pena, \$2 bu; Irish potatoes, 75c butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Vanceboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Wadesboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Wadesboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Wadesboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Wadesboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Wadesboro—Cotton, 8%c; corn, 85c-85c bu; eggs, 17-17%c (delivered in Raleigh 85%-85c bu; los oats, 65c bu; soy beans, \$2 bu; N. C. butter, 35c lb; eggs, 15c doz. Chicago—No doz. Saliser, Maxer and shippers of Irish potatoes in different part of the state. Merchan

TAR HEEL BREVITIES.

Thirty-nine candidates who the examination before the state board of pharmacy on Thursday and Friday of last week were successful. Five of the number were colored men. There were 69 in the class.

Postal Inspector B. B. Webb, who has maintained headquarters at Asheville for more than a year, has been ransferred to Statesville, where the headquarters of the Winston-Salem district will be maintained after the first of August.

AID TO MERCHA

JOHN SPRUNT HILL SAYS IT OF FERS ONLY REMEDY FOR FARMER'S NEED.

HAS SUGGESTED OPTIMISM

Congressman Britt Addresses Assoclation; Sherwood Brockwell Asks Support. Insurance Measures.

Asheville.-That rural credits legislation is deserving of the cordial support of the North Carrolina merchants in that it offers the only means for the farmers to secure their money for their own benefit and the ald of the merchants as well is the opinion of John Sprunt Hill of Durham, member of the American committee to study rural credits in Europe and chairman of the rural credit committee, as expressed at the meeting of the North Carolina Merchants Association. Mr. Hill declared that it is now practically impossible for the farmers to get money in any considerable sums at a reasonable rate of interest, and he said that the merchants as well as the agriculturists are suffering as a result of this con-

The sessions were busy ones. President Markham reported that the past year has been a busy one although accomplishments that were hoped for cannot be reported. R. O. Everett of Durham, association attorney, told of recent changes in commercial law which will benefit the merchoants. Likewise he pointed out certain provisions which are detri-mental to the interests of the state's wholesalers and retailers.

Congressman James J. Britt pleaded for optimism among the merchants of the state, declaring that optimistic thoughts, letters and speeches will bring about better conditions, and advising the merchants of the state to make optimisism the keynote of their refrain.

Sherwood Brockwen delivered an address on fire prevention and asked for the aid of the merchants in precautionary measures fostered by the state department of insurance.

Ladies of the North Carrolina merchants' party were entertained with an elaborate dinner given in their honor by the wives of the members of the local Merchants Association. The visiting delegates were taken on an automobile trip over the city visiting various points of interest at and around Asheville. The visiting merchants were the guests of the, local merchants at a dinner. The event wa san informal one and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Question boxes were opened at the morning and evening meetings, the merchants propounding various queries pertaining to problems in which they are interested and a general exchange of ideas following the reading of each question.

Tobacco Association Meets Soon. Winston-Salem .- The fifteenth annual meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United states will be held at Old Point Comfort, Va., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 24, 25 and 26. Matters will be discussed and acted on that will be of great value to the tobacco trade throughout the entire

The Tobacco Association of the United States is one of the most important organizations in the United States, and numbers among its members prominent men in the trade in all parts of the United States, as well as many bankers, transportation men and manufacturers.

Wilmington Banner B. Y. P., U. Mount Airy.-With the presentation of the state banner to the union of the Calvary Baptist church of Wilmington for the highest average made during the year in efficient work, and a masterly address by Dr. W. Wistar Hamilton of Lynchburg, Va., the B. Y. P. U. convention adjourned to meet next June in Wilmington, after perhaps the best session in its history. the addresses and conferences have reached the high-water mark

Anti-Typhoid in Halifax. Scotland Neck. - Halifax county. will join with the other progressive counties in the state and inaugurate an anti-typhoid campaign about August 1, the board of county commissioners having recently made an appropriation of \$400, for the purpose This step on the part of the commissioners is approved by all the people and especially so among the people of this particular section, for just one year ago this town and munity suffered most severaly from the effects of typhold fever.

Vance County Farm Life School. Kittrell.—Kittrell and "Middleburg in Vance county are in the race for a Vance county farm life school: Superintendent E. M. Rollins and Mr. Harris, of Vance were in Raleigh con ferring relative to the school. Kittrell, will vote shortly on a bond issue for a farm life school. Middleburg, not to be left in the race, will also vote the same time under the general law passed at the same session allowing townships to vote on bonds for school purposes without special legislative authority.

Safcrackers at Forest City.

Forest City, Safecrackers visited Forest City and relieved the postoffice safe of all its contents. Nitro-glycer in was used in the blowing of the safe. The first door of the safe was blown open and split in halves, while the inner door was found in the middle of the room. Little else besides the safe was injured, with the excention of a few lock hoxes. Postmaster Blanton was unable to say how much was taken as the robbers carried off the postal account book. There were between \$26 and \$25 in stamps taken