

the Raleigh postoflice in recommend- of cotton than the state raised and ary observers express the ing the dismissal of Postmaster Willis that the spinners might now pinion that Russian success, G. Biggs. This was the conclusion reached by

gether with the retirement of Representative Edward W. Pou after according to the governmental reports spending over two hours at the poste Germans across the Bzura, office department today reading the is the turning point in the cam-entire 45 page report and recommen-interesting story from Commissioner page favorable to the Czar's dation of inspector Gray. The most Price of one of the southern states mign favorable to the Czar's dation of Inspector Gray. The most who told Major Graham a few days drastic action that could possibly be who told Major Graham a few days There have been no im- taken on the evidence collected by ago that he knows a Georgia manuportant developments on eith- Gray, have been a recommendation that the product on the basis of 13-cent cotton r front since Austrians met attention of Briggs be called to the which he had bought at 6 and 612. heir defeat in Galicia. That seeming carelesness of some of his subordinates. There is nothing in the efeat is not considered irreevidence to show that Mr. Brigg neglected his duties in any way, in the ing, was shown to support the comparable, but the Russians feel pinion of the fourth district congress- plaint

"To remove Briggs from office upon what is shown in Gray's report" said Mr. Pou, "would be a monstrous qutm theater now is on the Pili- rage. I not only will refuse to ask that he be removed but I will resist a river, where the German any movement of that kind with every rces are on the offensive and ounce of power and influence at my command

One of the charges against Briggs. There is speculation as to the probable effect of the Austrian with reference to the weighing of the

decent living. take care of the local crop if they felt disposed.

The 1913 crop yielded 790,000 bales, issued recently. but the spinners absorbed 906,177. The major quotes an according to Mr. Pou, would facturer who planned th esale of his In this correspondence weeks ago the report of M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and print-

of North Carolian ton farmi ers that the presence of mill men in the cotton conferences was a drawback to the deliberations. these the cotton growers protested that the mill men wanted the very cheapest cotton possible and have nothing in kinship 'with the growers who wanted a living wage.

mill men were present and assured the growers that they wish better prices. "But it seems," Major Graham said gry." "But it seems," Major Graham said The Massachusetts commission re-

wages far below the requirements of

"How then do they live? I answer, for the most part by enduring every form of privation. The majority of missioners of Buncombe county to them, I believe, are terribly underfed. study of budgets and living ditions that I know of shows tais. women confess it plainly. ometimes don't know how I ever lived,' or, I almost starved,' they will say in ex-plaining their circumstances. Others are too proud to confess their privations. 'You see I am dieting,' was the explanation of a girl for her two Was cent lunch at a cafeteria." Mrs. Evans then told the story of

de mix dollars a week that m girl Inimum Wage interviewed Manaachusetts The girl admitted that she received from illicit resources. She declared she was forced to go hungry when she tried to live on \$6 a week. do not tell you this story that an inference may be drawn in regard

to low wages which I do not draw," Mrs. Evans said. "I tell it to illusthat a At the last conference in Raleigh, trate the point I have made, girl who earns \$6 a week, unless she is helped out somehow, must go hun-

efeat on the situation in the mail. W. H. Bagiey of the italeigh had plannew to manufacture yarns on cently agreed upon \$8.71 as a living upblication, according to the report, 13 cent cotton and at a profit, he wage for women, but as yet this west. In the eastern theater, the allies still claim to be making low gains by steady hammer. slow gains by steady hammer- originated because of some factional mean somewhat better conditions, but making industry and it is expected

send the Madison county short term prisoners to this county to be worked ballot into his pocket, but says that on the public highways of Buncombe. it was one that he picked up from The Madison county authorities have the table for examinaone handed in by a voter. As he was looking at it, according to his story, return three prisoners, the last ones one approached

sent here from Madison, and the re-quest has been granted. This request he inadvertently thrust the paper he had in his hand into his pocket, He was mode in order that the chaingang surrendered it when the republican in Madison would have enough prispoliholder, J. P. Gilbert, protested; oners to justify the county in bebut ever once. flying thick and fast. Peculiar interest attaches For the Madison county prisoners

sent to this county in the past, Bunparticular box, because in it T. E. combe has been paying all the court Jennings, republican candidate costs of the cases, the transportation, and board and clothing while they 29. were being worked here. It is estied that about 30 prisoners a year were sent here from Madison and facts and figures show that Bun-C. by three votes. Jennings has taken on the combe broke about even the matter into the courts amount of money paid out for the amount of work prisoners and the county over the charges and counter they performed while here. The aver- charges. cost of each case tried in Madison is placed at \$40. nected with the case is the fact that

Owing to the mountainous the prosecution of Marley is being graphy of Madison and the meep conducted by two democratic attor-grades of all the roads in the county neys, B. W. Parham and P. S. Vann it has been the most backward in the t has been the most backward in the while he is being defended by Z. I.

state in the matter of good roads, Walser, one of the most prominent to the correspondents of American the roads of the county being noth- republican lawyers in the county. who is associated with E. E. Raper, democrat, in the case. ing more than dirt roads, except in a

tended everywhere that the good feeling of the two would be sufficient to bridge the difliculty and obviate further irritation. England has no right to feel aggressive because the United States is endeavoring to mitigate the lass the war has inflicted on the American merchants and manufacturers, according to the Westminster Gazette which more than any other newspa per reflects the views of the ment. This paper contends that It is

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Feeling is running high

An interesting circumstance

rumors

to the interest of neutrals as well as belligerents that the war be shorten TOI ed and thinks that neutral countries clerk of the court, got a majority of should be willing to submit to any reasonable restriction which would His majority in the whole coun-Dittow y was only 26, so when this box was likely to act to this end. out, his democratic opponent E. Godwin, was declared elected

While claiming that the right to search vessels is conceded in American note, the Westminster Gazette admits that the right ought to be executed with all regard possible for the convenience of neutrals and suggests that it would be well for the British government to send datly to the American ambassador lists of the vessels stopped therefor, so that the question might be adjusted at once. It suggests that similar information might be given newspapers in London and says that

pected of carryig contraband

that if such search as can be made at sea does not result in revealing

good grounds for forcible detention such detention be not resorted to. To prevent Great Britain from

checking the shipments of copper to Germany, the Westminster Gazette

continues, would in effect be Ameri-can intervention on the side of Ger-many, for which intentify Washing-

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bry much more sanguine over

e situation than before. The

principal fighting in the west-

re bringing up big guns.

ing at the German lines in Flanders. The gains are measured in yards in most instan-ed his men to weigh the mails cor-

The only report of activity do so. on, this being to the effect fine record as postmaster at Raleigh. sixth. essel was able to make her to Washington. ment and carrying 1000 men.

bed by the general staff of the Rus-an army of the Cascasas: The battle at Sarikamyah (in ma-Caucasis, 30 miles southwest of Arda-an half of it continues in fight. Willes town in trans-Caucasis, 40 Dis northwest of Kars) to the Ta-man. Chame pass (southwest of Arda-a). be battle at Sarikamyah (in to say that there may be a general shake-up of the clerks now drawing government money at the Raleigh office. Just when this will be done and marched from Ardahan (n multes town in trans-Caucasis, 40 Dis northwest of Kars) to the Ta-man. Chame pass (southwest of Arda-a). be done to say that there may be a general shake-up of the clerks now drawing government money at the Raleigh office. Just when this will be done and marched from Ardahan (n multes town in trans-Caucasis, 40 Dis northwest of Kars) to the Ta-bar. Chame pass (southwest of Arda-a).

rectly, but apparently, they did not Carolina will pitch tents here Monday

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don, this being to the effect net record as postmaster at rategin. The nature of the campaign to be ing the eight years he has presided or has not been made public, over the Rateigh office has been put of the carried on has not been made public. Sixteen Full Pardons, Twenty- of the councy will be worked on the roads the outlook for better for the doed at Pola by a French sub-wersy arose. Briggs has handled sev-ator F. P. Hobgood, jr., of Guilford will offer the battlethip was pierced, although the ment and his accounts have been and representative W. C. Coughen-

The charges against Briggs seen to From then until the close this measured port. The ship is one of the have originated because of factional ure will pressed as earnestly as the siggest of the Austrian navy, differences among the employes in the women and their friends, the men, can place it before the hearts of the that way. There is no doubting the members. The Equal Suffrage league fact, however, that these employes has held an enthusiastic convention in had able assistance from the outside. Charlotte, but it realizes that North Just who wrote the first letter to Carolina will be one of the hardest

Russians Defeat Turks. Pstrograd, Dec. 20.—(Delayed)— to of Brigg's administration will be one of the hardest ton of Brigg's administration will have openly encoupsed the cause of make interesting reading when the postoffice department becomes suff-general assembly was very strongly

Suffragists Here Next Week. The Equal Suffrage league of North CLEMENCY TO 55 MORE

CONVICTS BY BLEASE

four Paroles and Fifteen

Commutations.

Blease yesterday granted elemency to highway that traverses the county, scribed by the Matin's correspondent the preparations for which work are in Flanders, Concerning the occur- Total Yield This Year 259,000, fifty-five state prisoners, Twenty-eight were serving terms for homicide, sov- this section of the highway will add enteen having been sentenced origin- greatly to the road improvements mans in the advance trenches but ally to life imprisonment. Sixteen full pardons, twenty-four paroles and ff-teen commutations are included. The release of the men pardoned or paroled yesterday reduces the number of primers in the stella benumber.

of prisoners in the state penitentiary here, at the state farms and in the county convict camps to 149. Governor Blease now has exercised clem-ency in 1,544 cases during his term of office, which will have been four years

few instances, where different town- democrat, in the case

missioners to issue \$300,000 in road bonds and appointed a highway com-mission composed of five men. With the work that has already been done SIX BLUE JACKETS since this bond issue was sold and that which is now proposed, it is thought that Medison will soon rank with any North Carolina county in the matter of roads.

The administration of Governor Locke Craig has been very favorable Bravery of Handful of French- that if the differences are considered to Madison. Almost throughout the present term, Governor Craig has kept about 50 state convists at work

there seems still brighter. At the recent meeting of good Paris, Dec. 31.-How the self-sac-roads enthusiasts held in Newport, rifice of six French bluejackets re-

Tenn., a delegation from Madison sulted in the capture of the village of was present and stated that Madison would do its part toward constructing St. Georges, about two miles from Columbia, S. C., Dec. \$1.-Governor the section of the Asheville-Knoxville Nieuport, by the French troops is de-

> now well under way. The building of rence, he says: "Attackers drove back the Gerthey took refuge in houses in the vil-

lage where the Germans had planned "The situation of a force of Bel-

men Effected Capture of

St. Georges.

gians, isolated on a strip of land sur-Washington, Dec. 31 .- The apple rouhnded by a flood, was critical and the artillery fire alone was not able to effect anything against the ene-states. Estimates prepared by the de-

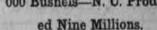
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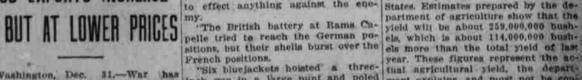
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ernments can reach a friendly agree-ment which will greatly ease the situation for each other. APPLE CROP BIGGEST Paris, Dec. 31 .- How the self-sac-

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the good roads spirit in the county. their defensive positions.

