

### NEUSE RIVER IS OUT OF BOUNDS NEAR KINSTON

#### Live Stock Threatened by the Overflow—Kinston-Carolina Trains Annulled.

Special to The Gazette-News.  
Kinston, Jan. 27.—As the result of hard rains recently the Neuse river is at the highest stage in years. At points up stream it has overflowed into the fields and is threatening live stock and other property.

Opposite this city the river is out of bounds with the prospect that it will continue to rise for some time. Heavy freshets up the river are not due for some hours. Old river men say that the flood will reach and probably exceed the proportions of the one several years ago when the water reached the level of first story windows on the west side of the stream here.

Trains on the Kinston-Carolina railroad have been annulled indefinitely. One long section of the track has been washed away and more of it is now threatened by the rising tide. Passengers on an incoming train this morning were required to walk from the break outside of Kinston into the city.

### ASHEVILLE HAS BEST BUSINESS OF SOUTH

#### R. L. Taylor Says Conditions Here Are Better Than Anywhere in the South.

R. L. Taylor, a prominent real estate man of Asheville, returned to the city Monday from a two weeks' business trip to Florida and other southern points. On this trip he visited some of the big business centers along the South Atlantic coast, and he reports that business in Asheville is better than at any of them.

Mr. Taylor made the greater part of the trip by automobile, but he had to abandon his machine at Griffin, Ga., on account of the bad condition of the roads, caused by excessive rainfall. At a point between Macon and Atlanta, he says, there was rain every day for 45 days, with a single exception. Near Barnsville, Ga., his machine was so badly stuck that he had to remain in it all night. He had a very good trip, taken altogether, he says, but as a result he is more delighted with the environs of Asheville, business and otherwise, than ever before.

### GULF OF BOTHNIA IS CLOSED TO SHIPPING

London, Jan. 27.—The German armored cruiser Friedrich-Carl and a numerous group of torpedo boat destroyers were seen yesterday off Aland Islands, entering the gulf of Bothnia and bearing south. Later they passed Scotland close to the shore. It is believed that the German vessels have again been active in mine laying in the gulf of Bothnia. All shipping in this gulf has been stopped.



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### BUNCOMBE MEN IN FORUM TODAY

#### Roberts Favors Women Notaries and Suffrage—Nettles Don't Like Speeches.

Representatives Roberts and Nettles figured in yesterday's debate on notaries public bill giving women the right to hold the place, Roberts vigorously championing it and woman suffrage, and Nettles declaring that while he opposed suffrage, such speeches as he heard opposing it almost converted him to Roberts' view.

The bill passed 58 to 42. Prior to that, Roberts introduced a bill providing that expert witness shall be summoned by judges and their compensation fixed instead of the present system of partisan choosing and paying by interested parties. Messrs. Roberts and Nettles introduced a bill relative to petitions for elections and providing for assessments.

In the senate, Mr. Weaver of Buncombe and Mr. Hobgood of Guilford introduced a state-wide primary act providing for every office, except township matters, republicans and democrats, being alike provided for on the same day, with secret ballot attached. The senate passed, almost unanimously, Senator Nash's act simplifying registration of mortgages, deeds of trust and similar paper, but the house killed it. Announcement was made that a public hearing will be given to woman suffrage advocates when Anna Howard Shaw speaks Tuesday next.

### WILL TESTIFY BEFORE ANTI-TRUST HEARING

#### Two Prominent Chicago Men Expected to Tell About Advances in Wheat Prices.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Charles A. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain company and a director of the Chicago board of trade, and James A. Patten were among those who were expected to testify at the hearing of the government anti-trust case against the Chicago board of trade. Further inquiry is to be made into operations of the abandoned "call rule" and its influence on the prices of grain. Federal attorneys were attempting to learn whether it was in part responsible for the advance of wheat prices. Marcy yesterday admitted that it was possible for a group of speculators to greatly affect the prices.

### FATE STILL UNKNOWN OF THE IDLER'S CREW

#### Life Savers on North Carolina Coast Can See the Wreck But Cannot Reach It.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The fate of Captain Robert H. Harding and his crew of 14 aboard the schooner-yacht Idler, which was wrecked on Inner Diamond shoal off the North Carolina coast, is still unknown. The life saving service here stated they had had no report from its men on the North Carolina coast except that Monday they could see the wreck, although they could not reach it on account of the storm. The Idler was owned by J. P. Jefferson of Warren, Pa., and was on route from Hoboken to Havana to take on the owner and some guests for a South Pacific cruise.

### FREIGHT STEAMER IS RAMMED BY SCHOONER

New York, Jan. 27.—The freight steamer Washingtonian of the American-Hawaii line rammed yesterday a schooner off Cape Henlopen, Delaware, according to word received today. The crews of both vessels were rescued by the Old Dominion liner Hamilton except one man, according to a wireless from Captain Nelson of the Hamilton yesterday morning. The schooner in collision with the Washingtonian was the Elizabeth Palmer. The message added that the crews had been rescued. The Washingtonian carried a crew of 19. She carried no passengers. Her piles between San Francisco and New York, by way of the Panama canal. No word concerning the result of the collision to the schooner was received this morning. The Elizabeth Palmer carries a crew of seven.

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## The Little Store with the Big Values

### MRS. AYCOCK IS GIVEN SUPPORT

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away with the "pie." He may do so yet but his chances are slim.

(By W. T. Bost.)  
Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Bart Batling and Ed Britton stood on the principal street last night and talked affectionately but seriously of postoffice changes and changes, while powerful petitions for Mrs. Charles B. Aycock were being hurried to Washington.

Dr. Livingston Johnson, Judge Winston and others are among the mighty who took up the cause yesterday. Dr. Johnson and Judge Winston are quoted as having declared to Washington authorities that Raleigh is unanimous for Mrs. Aycock. When Judge Winston called upon Governor Craig to join the band wagon, the governor replied that he had endorsed Britton. And Britton holds for Mrs. Aycock, a most irrefragable rumor goes, her considerable dissatisfaction with mention some weeks ago of her candidacy. Galling is home from Washington and declines to be disconsolate and Britton's friends insist that he has never stepped aside except upon condition that if a woman is appointed, Mrs. Aycock is his choice. And more than one man—more than a dozen—could be found last night quoting Congressman Fou as leaning to the view that the Raleigh postoffice is a man's job. Mr. Britton last night wired Congressman Fou thus: "I know that I have the support of a large majority of the citizens of Raleigh and of the fourth congressional district for the position of postmaster at Raleigh, but if it is thought best to appoint Mrs. Aycock, I wish to go on record as not opposing her."

### ITALIAN VESSEL IS REPORTED IN DISTRESS

Norfolk, Jan. 27.—A wireless from New York yesterday stated that the revenue cutter Mohawk left yesterday to aid the Italian ship Angelo Porabi, which is adrift off this coast and short of food and coal. The United States revenue cutter Itasca is standing by the Angelo Porabi but is unable to render aid owing to the storm that is raging off this coast.

### COMMISSION APPROVES AN INCREASE ON RATE

Washington, Jan. 27.—The interstate commerce commission has approved the proposed increase of from \$1.40 to \$1.50 a ton by the sea load on fertilizer from Charleston to Wilmington, Acme, and Navassa, N. C., over the Seaboard Air Line, the Southern railway and the Atlantic Coast Line.

### THREE SHORT, SHARP EARTHQUAKES FELT

Panama, Jan. 26.—Three short, sharp earthquakes have shaken the Isthmus in the past three days. The third earthquake was felt today. None of the shocks did damage other than frightening the inhabitants. Reports along the canal say that no ill effects resulted from the shocks.

### SEVENTH VICTIM DIES ON U. S. S. SAN DIEGO

#### Fireman Dies as Result of Explosion—General Bazel Is Executed.

On board United States Ship San Diego, at Guaymas, Mex., Jan. 25, by wireless to San Diego, Cal., Jan. 27.—William H. Miller, a fireman of Downs, Kansas, who was injured when a boiler tube blew out on the ship some days ago, died today. His death makes the seventh victim of the accident. General Juan Bonel, Carranza governor of Tepic, who attempted to escape into the United States, has been executed at Mazatlan.

### WORK RESUMED ON CHARLOTTE BUILDINGS

Charlotte, Jan. 27.—Work was resumed today and contracts left here today for \$400,000 in new buildings, some of which were held up at the outbreak of the European war. This tends to show that business conditions in this country are again assuming the normal status.

### German Advances Checked By Artillery of Frenchmen

Paris, Jan. 27.—"On the Yser front in Belgium we have made progress in the vicinity of Perzyse," said the French war department's official report yesterday on progress of the war. The report continues:

"At daybreak yesterday the Germans, one battery strong, delivered attacks against our trenches east of Ypres. The movement was sharply arrested, 300 dead, including the commander at the head of the advance, being left on the field. The attack was to be supported by certain companies from the second line, but owing to the very exact fire of our artillery, it was impossible for them to come out from behind their shelter. "Not far from La Bassee, at Glenschy and Cunchy, the enemy delivered five attacks against the British troops. After making slight progress they were repulsed, a number being killed. Sixty prisoners were taken, including two officers. The attack was accompanied by an endeavor at a diversion at several points along our line. Between the road from Eethune to La Bassee and Aix Noulette detachments of the enemy endeavored to come out from their cover but were at once stopped by our artillery and infantry fire. "On the rest of the line between the

Lys and the Oise yesterday there were artillery duels. "West of Craonne the enemy delivered two successive attacks with great violence. The first was repulsed but the second penetrated our trenches. By an energetic counter attack, however, we succeeded in regaining almost all of the positions lost. The fighting still continues around this point for the trenches taken by the enemy. "In Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed less activity than on preceding days, but our batteries delivered an effective fire. "In the Argonne, in the vicinity of St. Hubert we checked by our artillery fire an attempt of the enemy to attack at this point. "In Alsace the enemy have actively employed their mine throwers against our position at Hartmann-Weilerkopf. At a point to the north there is fresh fighting. The Germans bombarded Thann, Lanchbach and Sennheim. Germans have a word containing 73 letters. The word is Vierwaldstattersee:lonase:hrals:ndampferak:temoon:kurrengesellschaftburen, and it means office of the stock company that runs screwpropeller, saloon steamboats on the lake of the four forest cantons—in Switzerland.



General Duball, the French officer who is commanding the forces who successfully defended the forts at Verdun against the persistent assaults of the Germans.



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