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## WAR NEAR AN END?

A Shift to the Field of Diplomacy—Christians Reported Massacred. London Dispatch, 20th.

The Turkish-Balkan war has shifted for a time from the field of arms to that of diplomacy. It is believed that the war is near an end. Plenipotentiaries for the belligerent powers will meet tomorrow at the Vilemkeu, a few miles outside the capital, for the preliminary discussion.

How many vestiges of former Turkish power they are prepared to concede depends largely upon two factors, the strength and supplies of the allied forces threatening attacks at the gates of Constantinople and the extent to which the cholera has undermined their pains.

Christians Reported Massacred. Athens Dispatch, 20th.

Reports of massacres of Christians in Jaffa, Palestine, caused the commander of the Russian cruiser Oleg, to weigh anchor and depart hurriedly for that district today.

Five Christian missionary societies are represented in Jaffa, Palestine. The Christian and Missionary Alliance has a station with one man, the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East two men and two women, and the London Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews two men and two women. The Seventh Day Adventist's Missionary Board, one man and one woman, and the Taberna Mission School for women. There is also an American Orphanage.

There are supposed to be about 10,000 Christians among the inhabitants, the total of whom is estimated at about 40,000. There are eight Christian churches and four Jewish synagogues. There is an English hospital and a French hospital.

Although without confirmation of the reported massacre of Christians in the neighborhood of Jaffa, the United States government officials here admit they have been apprehensive of such trouble on the Syrian coast, where the religious differences between the Mohammedans and the Christians are more pronounced than in any other part of the Turkish empire.

American interests in that quarter are large, owing to the extensive fruit trade, and because of a large number of American missionary and educational institutions. Within 20 miles of Jaffa, which is the port of Jerusalem are three important American missionary stations, Tavayibeh, Ramallah and Ain Areck.

## THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Leading Developments of a Day in the War Between Balkan States and Turkey. London Dispatch, 18th.

The failure of the first attack of the Bulgarian army upon the fortifications at Tchetalja; the surrender of Monastir, with 50,000 Turkish troops, to the Serbians; the success of the Montenegrins in driving the Turks from one of their mountain positions at Scutari; the renewal of an appeal by Constantinople for an armistice, this time through the Russian ambassador; the expansion of the ravages of cholera to frightful proportions, not less than 5,000 deaths a day being reported on the line to Tchetalja, and the landing of 100 British bluejackets to protect the American Embassy at Constantinople were the leading developments today in the war between the Balkan States and Turkey.

It is also stated on what is believed to be good authority that the Sultan has addressed an appeal to the sovereigns of the great powers requesting intervention to end the war.

## CHOLERA DEADLIEST FOE.

Causing More Deaths Among Turkish Troops Than Shot and Shell. Berlin Dispatch, 18th.

The liveliest imagination would be unable to depict the frightful conditions existing among the Turkish troops at Hademkeu, on the lines of Tchetalja, according to Maj. Eugene Zwenger, the war correspondent of Tageblatt. He says thousands of dead and dying lie along the road. Men with stretchers are engaged day and night gathering the dead for burial and the wounded for transport to the hospitals. He continues:

"Wherever I looked I saw the distorted faces and stiffened hands of the wounded stretched forward appealing for help. The nearer I approached the railroad station the sadder grew the picture.

"The railroad station itself is just a field full of dead. I saw in one car 10 men, five of whom were living and other five dead, their faces still expressing the horrible agonies they had passed through. I walked among piles of corpses, and among masses of groaning, sick men who would soon find relief in death.

"A train about to start was overcrowded with cholera-stricken men. Many of those in the cars died soon after they got on board.

"According to authentic information the deaths from cholera number 3,000 daily along the line of Tchetalja."

Another dispatch to the Tageblatt from Kustendje, Roumania, to which place it had been sent by wireless, says 1,000 cholera cases and 200 deaths occur daily among the Turkish reserves at San Stefano, where the sick and the dead lie indiscriminately in the streets.

For regular action of the bowels, easy, natural movements, relief of constipation, try Doan's Regulets. 25c at all stores.

## TERRIFIC HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Eight Killed and Four Injured in Seaboard Wreck Near Norlina. Norlina, N. C., Dispatch, 19th.

Eight trainmen were killed and three severely injured at 4 o'clock this morning when two Seaboard passenger trains running at high speed crashed head-on seven miles north of here. No passengers were injured.

The dead are: Will A. Faison, engineer, Raleigh; Charles A. Beckman, engineer, Raleigh; Dick Gray, colored, fireman, Raleigh; Jim Ruffin, colored, fireman, Raleigh; Tom Boggs, colored, porter, Richmond, Va.; J. R. Rountree, express messenger, Jacksonville, Fla.; O. V. Priddy, express messenger, dead-heading, Boykin, Va.; Henry King, dead-heading.

The injured are: Baggage-master Bryant, badly burned about body and face; Express Messenger Brown, bruises and shocks; Express Messenger Coates, leg and arm broken; Willis Pope, colored porter, scalded about head and neck.

The trains met at the southbound, No. 81, was coming out of a long curve in a deep fill, and both were running full speed. The crash was terrific, both locomotives being totally demolished. The fact that only three coaches were demolished and there were no passengers in these is considered remarkable.

Engineer Beckman, of the northbound train, is thought to have misread orders to meet No. 81 at Granite, less than a mile from the scene of the wreck. It was impossible for either engineer to have seen the light from the other train for more than a minute before the crash. The collision was on the main line of the Seaboard from North to South, and both were through trains.

The wreckage did not catch fire. Though many of the passengers were women, there was no panic. There was some suffering from the chill of a cold morning, but shortly after the wreck farmers brought coffee to the scene. Wrecking crews and relief trains were sent out hurriedly. The track was clear at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Lee Reinheimer, a Richmond cigar salesman, was awakened when a woman was hurled into his berth from the compartment ahead of him. She tore a hole cleanly through the thin partition of the sleeper.

## DOCTORS AND DRUGGISTS ARRESTED.

A Nation-Wide Raid on Doctors and Drug Concerns Charged With Misuse of Mails. Washington Dispatch, 20th.

A nation-wide raid, involving the practically simultaneous arrest of 175 persons in the principal cities of the country, was made today by Post-office inspectors and United States Marshals upon doctors and drug concerns, charged with misuse of the mails to solicit criminal medical practice, or to dispose of medicines and instruments connected with such practice.

The raid—the most extensive and far-reaching ever made by any department of the government—was under the personal direction of Postmaster General Hitchcock and Chief Inspector Robert S. Sharp, of the Postoffice Department. So carefully had its details been guarded that until the first of the arrests were made at Indianapolis early in the day, practically nothing was known of the government's contemplated action. Working with clock-like precision, the inspection force, spread over 22 States, carried out the pre-arranged plans, and, at an early hour tonight the Postoffice Department had received word that nearly all of the designated persons had been arrested.

Masked Maniac With Infernal Machine Creates a Panic. Los Angeles, Cal., Dispatch, 19th.

Armed with an infernal machine containing enough dynamite to destroy an entire city block, a bottle of nitroglycerine and a 45-calibre revolver, a masked maniac took possession of the central police station today and held it for more than an hour, while hundreds of occupants of the building and those for blocks around, panic-stricken, sought safety in distance.

When Detective James Hosick knocked the man unconscious with a leather "billy," after slipping up behind him, the fuse of the infernal machine was automatically ignited, but Detective Samuel L. Brown grabbed the box, with its fuse sharply spluttering and hurled it into the street. Sticks of high-power dynamite scattered over the pavement while hundreds of spectators started, apparently paralyzed by fright. Through a freak chance there was no explosion, and Brown continued kicking the sticks of dynamite and jumping on the fuse until he had broken the connection and extinguished the fire.

Manned to a cot in the receiving hospital tonight the would-be dynamiter, who gave his name as Albert Henry Davis, is suffering with several severe scalp wounds, but the police surgeons say his injuries are not serious.

Jamaica Devastated by Hurricane. Kingston, Jamaica, Dispatch, 20th.

The western end of the island of Jamaica has been devastated by a Hurricane lasting for five days. A great tidal wave has swept over both the north and south coasts, practically wiping out Savanna La Mar and Luca, both towns of considerable importance. According to a report brought in by a steamer, 42 persons were killed at Montego Bay.

Mr. F. W. Walters, of Marietta, is a Lumberton visitor today.

## CANAL FACTS GIVEN OUT.

Report of Panama Canal Commission—Channel will be Completed Next Summer and Formal Opening Will be a Year Later. Washington Dispatch.

Some time next summer or fall, no exact date being specified, a vessel will pass what is now the Isthmus of Panama, which consequently must disappear from the world's geography and by the same human agency, the Western Hemisphere will be divided into two continents. The vessel will not be the Oregon nor any other famous ship, but will be one of the many small water craft in daily use by the canal buildings; and probably the only passengers will be Col. George W. Goethals, and the staff of American engineers, who for the past eight years have been carrying on the greatest engineering work the world has ever seen. It will be later than that, anywhere from six months to a year perhaps, before the formal opening of the waterway will take place and a naval fleet headed by the famous old Oregon, will pass through into the western ocean, and the canal may be fairly said to be open to the trade.

January 1915 The Date.

These facts are not of official record as yet; the date of January 1, 1915, still stands for the opening predicted by Colonel Goethals. But that the opening will be anticipated to a great extent has been promised by the canal builders in unofficial statements, and now comes a clear intimation of their purpose to advance the opening date, in the annual report of the Canal Commission, just published. It is disclosed while the completion of the great locks by January 1 next will not be possible, owing to contract delays, within six months thereafter the channel will be finished, while to insure the safe passage of the locks, the contractor has been called upon to finish the gates in one flight first, so that if the rest of the work is in condition passage of ships can be permitted without waiting for the completion of the other flights. This statement will be understood, when it is known that the great locks being built in duplicate, side by side, not only to add to the capacity of the canal but to insure its continuance in operation in case of a serious accident to a ship in one of the locks.

The report shows a most satisfactory state of progress of the whole great work, though in view of the fact that it is dated September 10, last, the figures regarding excavation, placing of concrete, erection of dams and locks and subsidiary works are not as recent as those contained in the regular monthly reports. Naturally the most interesting feature of the report relates to the operations in the Great Culebra Cut. Here, great landslides, many ranking with an Alpine avalanche in magnitude, have so increased the amount of material to be excavated, that were it not found possible to steadily reduce the cost a yard of dredging and steam-shovel work through the growing expertise of the employees and improved engineering methods, the total cost of excavating would have been vastly greater than the estimates. During the last year nearly 16,500,000 cubic yards of earth were taken out of this cut, leaving nearly 12,000,000 to be displaced before the canal can be opened. The damage caused by the slides may be appreciated from the fact that nearly 6,000,000 yards of earth excavated was so composed or nearly 36 per cent of the total excavation.

Already the appropriations made by Congress for the canal have run into big figures, the total up to June 30 last being \$293,561,468, and since that date there have been additional appropriations, exclusive of those for fortifications, amounting to \$28,980,000, making the grand total \$322,541,468. On June 30 of all these appropriations, the engineers had expended 69 per cent of the total estimated cost of the canal.

Legislation Planned for 1913 Session of the General Assembly. Raleigh Cor., 18th, Wilmington Star.

It is understood that there are already in process of preparation a number of bills to be introduced in the approaching Legislature and campaigns being planned for their enactment into law that will give the 1913 session a distinctly "progressive" atmosphere, at least as to measures proposed if not bills actually passed. A distinct advance in anti-trust legislation is being hinted at, a complete revision of the State election law, a general primary law for all parties, blanket commission form of government and initiative and referendum laws for cities to be optionally adopted, the application of the Torrens system of land titles and a variety of other departures. Indications are that Hon. E. J. Justice, former speaker, who is returned from Guilford, will espouse a considerable amount of progressive legislation and that his course in the Legislature will have a specific bearing on the United States Senatorship contest that will be on two years hence, when Senator Overman's term expires and he will be standing for renomination and election. It is believed that Justice will be in the race and that legislator he undertakes or accomplishes will be factors in that contest. It is understood that he will not consider the speakership of the House this time at all, preferring to lead on the floor.

Clarence H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, is being mentioned as a probable member of President Wilson's Cabinet, as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

## BATH TUB TRUST CASE.

Supreme Court Hands Down Important Decision. Washington Dispatch, 18th.

In an epoch-making decision today in the so-called "Bath Tub Trust case" the Supreme Court of the United States laid down the broad principle that there can be no monopoly in the unpatented product of a patented machine, without violating the Sherman anti-trust law. Justice McKenna delivered the unanimous opinion of the court.

In accordance with this doctrine, the court struck down as illegal the "license agreements" by which manufacturers of 85 per cent of the sanitary enamelled iron in the United States were bound together in combination. The license agreements allow the manufacturers to use a patented dredger, but only on condition that they abide by an attached price list; would not sell to jobbers who bought from independents; would sell in certain territory and would sell "seconds."

Officials of the Department of Justice were highly elated over the decision, which it is claimed, will have an important bearing upon several investigations now under way by Attorney General Wickersham, as well as anti-trust suits already filed against the so-called "Moving Picture Trust" and the United Shoe Machinery Manufacturing Company.

## A BAD AUTO WRECK.

Machine Runs Into a Ditch and is Torn to Pieces—Occupants Not Seriously Injured. Reported for The Robesonian.

Messrs. A. Collins of Lumberton, H. Barnes of Proctorville and J. H. Purvis, near Proctorville, returning from Cerro Gordo Monday afternoon, had a very serious wreck near Proctorville when the driver lost control of his auto and let it run into a ditch at the rate of about 20 miles an hour. Messrs. Collins and Barnes were sitting in the rear seat and were thrown some distance ahead of the machine, Mr. Barnes striking a stump and receiving a very painful injury in his right side, probably breaking three or four ribs. Mr. Collins landed directly in the ditch head down, diving into a cracker box and getting a very heavy jolt. Mr. Purvis was caught behind the steering wheel and was jolted, but not seriously hurt.

The machine was practically torn to pieces. Viewing the wreck after the occupants were out, it looked almost impossible to have such a wreck without fatal injuries being received.

## COME FORWARD GENTLEMEN.

County Elect-Officers Notified to Come Forward and Qualify.

All persons elected to office at the election held on the 5th day of November in Robeson county are hereby notified to meet at the court house in the town of Lumberton on the first Monday, the second day of December, 1912, to then and there qualify, as required by Section 4312 Election Laws of North Carolina.

## FRANK GOUGH,

Chairman Board of Elections Robeson County.

## Commissioners of Rockingham County Indicted.

Greensboro Special, 19th, to Charlotte Observer.

The entire board of commissioners of Rockingham county has been indicted for failure to carry out the recommendations of the grand jury and upon instruction of Judge O. H. Allen, according to a story which was brought here by a well-known Rockingham attorney today. It seems that in Rockingham, the county commissioners have several times ignored the recommendations of the grand jury, and that in July last this body specifically ordered the building of a new county home, reporting that the present structure was "a disgrace to a civilized community."

The commissioners, it is said, paid no heed to the order, with the result that at the term of court closing Saturday, Judge Allen ordered Solicitor Graves to draw presentments against every member of the board.

## New Residences at Marietta—Thanksgiving Concert—Personal Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, Nov. 19.—Most all the farmers in our section are almost through picking cotton.

Mr. N. A. McQueen is attending court at Wilmington.—Mr. L. M. Oliver went to Lumberton last Monday.—Mrs. D. N. Oliver of Montreat was the guest of Mrs. M. J. Oliver last Saturday and left for Dillon, S. C., Tuesday, which she will make her home this winter.—Miss Theda Nance went to Lumberton last Monday.

There will be a Thanksgiving concert in connection with an oyster supper on the night before Thanksgiving, which will be November 27. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. J. R. Poole, our county superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. B. W. Page, superintendent of health, visited our school last Wednesday and we are glad to say that Dr. Page found our school in very good condition.

We are glad to see Mr. S. M. Oliver out again after several days of illness.

Our school is still progressing and new pupils adding their names to the list every day.

Among some new things we see going on in Marietta is the erection of two nice residences which are being built by Mr. D. M. Hill and Mr. J. L. Hays, which will add much to the appearance of our city.

## MURDED AND CAUSING ABORTION.

Coroner Rancke Holds Inquest Over Young Colored Woman and Prematurely Born White Child—Inquest Held Over Woman's Mother in Same House Some Months Ago.

Coroner G. E. Rancke held Monday in Afordsville township over the body of a young colored woman an inquest in the same house on Mr. Alex. Alford's plantation in which he last February held an inquest over the body of her mother, both women having been shot by a colored man.

Cattie Morrison was her name and the coroner's jury fastened the guilt upon Herbert Barnes, colored, who has disappeared. It was in evidence that Cattie and Herbert had a quarrel in the house where Cattie lived, 5 miles from Afordsville, late last Saturday evening. Several witnesses testified that following the quarrel Barnes left the house and went to the automobile in which he was traveling; that Cattie followed him and took him by the arm, evidently trying to persuade him to come back; that they walked off a little way and then a pistol-shot was heard and Cattie came back to the house and crouched down in a corner and died in 30 minutes. She was shot through the left breast. No one saw the shot fired but a pistol was seen in Barnes' hand when they walked off. Cattie's mother was shot and killed at the same place by a negro man last February.

Coroner Rancke also held Monday, on Mr. Billy Smith's farm in Howellsville township, an inquest over a prematurely-born child. From the evidence the jury was convinced that Mary Quick, a young white woman whose parents live at Pope Mercer's mill pond, was the mother of the child and that she had taken medicines to bring on the premature birth. The child was about five months old. The body was found in the yard at Mr. Smith's only partially under ground and covered over with a plank. It was in evidence that Mary Quick, who was working at Mr. Smith's, took turpentine Friday and that Saturday, becoming very sick, she went out behind the smokehouse. Seeing one of the women of the house coming, she went to her with her hands besmeared with dirt and said she was very sick and weak. She was taken into the house and doctored, those who were with her having no intimation of the cause of her trouble. Sunday night her father came for her and took her home and Monday morning the child was found. It was also in evidence that the young woman had been taking camphor before she took the turpentine, a large dose, Friday evening.

It will be recalled by some readers of The Robesonian that a young white man named Will Small shot and killed himself some months ago at Quick's home, in a room with Mary and her sister.

## President-Elect Wilson and Family Welcomed in Bermuda.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dispatch, 18th.

President-elect Wilson and his family, on board the steamer Bermudian, arrived at Hamilton today. Large crowds of people lined the streets and wharves, awaiting the arrival of the President-elect, and all public and private buildings were decorated with flags and bunting.

The President-elect and his party landed at noon. Mr. Wilson was received by the officials of the city and was enthusiastically cheered as he passed through the streets.

In response to a hearty official welcome, Mr. Wilson said:

"As soon as I knew I had been sentenced to four years' hard labor, I thought of a rest in Bermuda. The friendship existing between the United States and Great Britain is a very happy and natural one. I hope nothing will happen during my administration to disturb the relations of the two countries."

Mr. Wilson then expressed his wish to be allowed to remain incognito.

The President-elect occupied part of the afternoon in getting his family settled in a private cottage which he has rented, overlooking the ocean. He discovered that he was short one bed, and rowed across the bay alone to obtain it.

## Four Gunmen Guilty of Rosenthal's Death.

New York Dispatch, 19th.

"Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louie," "Dago Frank" and "Whitey" Lewis killed Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, at the instigation of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker and must pay the penalty of death in the electric chair. The jury which has been hearing the evidence against the four gunmen so decided today when it returned a verdict of murder in the first degree after but 20 minutes' deliberation.

## Man Who Shot Roosevelt Found Insane by Alienists.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dispatch, 19th.

That John Schrank who shot Theodore Roosevelt on the night of October 14, last is insane will be the substance of an unanimous report of the five alienists appointed by Judge A. C. Backus to examine into the prisoner's mental condition, was the statement of a court official this afternoon.

## Forest Fires.

For several days a forest fire about five miles from town, near the Elizabeth road, has been doing considerable damage. The lands of ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod and Mr. L. H. Caldwell have been badly damaged, but it is understood that the fire is now just about under control.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Cotton today, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

—Mr. P. P. Green, who had been confined to his home, Fourth street, about two weeks on account of sickness, is able to be out again.

—A recital will be given tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the graded school auditorium by Miss Mary Weddell's music and elocution pupils. The public is invited.

—Mrs. Lacy McNair was brought home yesterday from St. Luke's hospital, Fayetteville, where she underwent an operation four weeks ago. Her condition has greatly improved.

—At the Pastime theatre this evening will be shown two reels, one a Western, the other a comedy. Tomorrow evening three reels will be shown, one of which will be Pathe No. 32.

—Mr. R. D. Caldwell had work started this morning on a single-story brick building to be erected on the corner of Second and Elm streets, directly in front of the Lumberton cotton mill office building. The building will be 18x26 feet, with glass fronts. Mr. Caldwell says the building will be for rent when completed.

—Mr. M. Levin of Raleigh, assistant district passenger agent for the Seaboard Air Line, was in Lumberton yesterday. He was working up interest in the football games for Richmond and Norfolk on Thanksgiving. In other words, he was making the people acquainted with the special rate the Seaboard is offering to these points.

—All the ladies who have promised to give cakes to be sold for Thanksgiving are requested to leave them at Townsend Bros. store Tuesday afternoon, the 26th. The ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church will run a cake counter in the store the day before Thanksgiving and will sell cakes to raise money for the new church. Also the ladies of this church are asked to bear in mind that the bazaar is only about two weeks from now and to keep very busy.

—Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith and son Master James are expected home tonight from Norfolk, Va., where they and Mr. Beckwith went last week on account of the illness of Mrs. Beckwith's mother, who, as stated in Monday's Robesonian, died in Norfolk last Friday. Mr. Beckwith returned home Tuesday and the other children, Master Quintus and little Miss Evelina, who had been in Wilmington since their parents went to Norfolk, returned home Tuesday evening.

—A number of young men of Lumberton and from other points in the county will go to Richmond next Wednesday night to witness the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the universities of North Carolina and Virginia. Local Agent Jones of the Virginia & Carolina Southern has made arrangements for a Pullman car which will be attached to this regular train Wednesday evening. The round-trip fare including Pullman, will be \$9. The round-trip ticket is \$5.

## BUILD'S OWN FUNERAL PYRE.

Daughter of Sultan, Overcome by Despair at Her Country's Disasters Commits Suicide While Her Attendants Lament

St. Petersburg Dispatch, 17th.

According to a Russian correspondent who is at Constantinople, Zekie, the oldest daughter of Abdul Hamid, the former Turkish Sultan, and who is very patriotic, was overcome with despair on account of her country's disasters and dramatically committed suicide in the garden of her magnificent palace at Abusheir.

Her husband was Nouredin Fasha, general of a division of the army and a son of the famous Osman Fasha Ghazi, "the victorious." He was fighting under Nazim Fasha, the Turkish minister of war, who although he declared to the Sultan that he would die on the battlefield rather than turn in defeat, has been overwhelmed with defeat and is now advising the Turkish ministers to abandon the war.

As the news of the successive Turkish defeats came in Princess Zekie became morose and refused to converse with her friends. After the defeat of the Turks at Lule Gurgas became known in the Ottoman capital the princess determined to commit suicide. She built a funeral pyre with her own hands and decorated it with flowers and priceless tapestries. The servants were very anxious over their mistresses' behavior, but they did not dare interfere. The princess spent a long time in her apartment in silent prayer. Finally she came out, her hair flowing and attired in a long garment, ascended the pyre and then applied fire to it.

She was burned to death while the servants stood around lamenting, but, with characteristic Turkish fatalism, did not attempt to prevent the saddened woman from taking her own life.

Afterward a letter from Princess Zekie to her husband was found, in which she declared that she could not survive the ruin of her people and cursed the beaten army for the loss of the ancient valor. The letter closes with a prayer to Allah not to permit the complete destruction of the Ottoman nation.

A monument to the Confederate dead, erected by the Scotland county chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was unveiled at Laurinburg Friday.

Mr. A. D. Barnes, of route 3 from Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.