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ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER! COUNTY TEACHERS' Terms of the Contract the Yadkin

River Power Company Wants to Make With Lumberton to Furnish the Town Electric Light and Power -Town Would Have to Sell Its Power Plant-Will Probably be Threshed Out Next Week.

Mayor A. P Caldwell has just re-ceived from President C. E. Johnson of the Yadkin River Power Co., a copy of the franchise which has been granted the company by all towns into which it carries power, also copy of the company's standard contract, which Mr. Johnson says is similar to the contracts the company has with all towns into which it has entered, in-cluding Raleigh, Goldsboro, Cheraw and Wadesboro.

In the letter to Mayor Caldwell accompanying copies of the franchise and contract, President Johnson says that he will come to Lumberton with Mr.Carr. general manager of the company, and the company's electrican any time after this week that suits the convenience of the board of town commissioners. Tuesday night of next week is the time for the regular monthly meeting of the board and it is probable that the matter will be thoroughly gone into. Mayor Cald-well may decide to call a mass meeting of citizens of the town in order to get an expression from the citizens, since it will require a vote of the citizens of the town to sell the light and power plant.

The Yadkin River Power Co., as has

mentioned several times in The Robesonian, has a sub-station on the edge of town and the matter of allowing the company to enter the town for the purpose of lighting and furnishing power to industrial enterprises is a live one just now. The town fathers realize the importance of securing this power for Lumberton but they are going to see that the town's interests are fully protected before they grant a franchise or enter into any contract which means diposing of the town's light and power

By the terms of the contract mentioned above the company agrees to supply the necessary machinery, poles, lamps, wires and other appliances, and to furnish electricity, tools, labor and all other things necessary for the operation of an in-candescent and arc street light-ing system in the town for a period of (blank) years at the following rates: \$60 per 6.6 ampere arc lamp per year; \$82 per 80-candle-power Tungsten lamp per year; \$24 year; \$24 incandscent Tungsten lamp per year; \$18 per incandescent 32-candle-power Tungsten lamp per year; this lighting system to operate every night during the year from 30

before sunrise. The company agrees to use diligence in maintaining continuous and uninterrupted service and in case of failure of any lamp to burn the town shall be entitled to a pro rata deduction from the monthly charges,

The company agrees to furnish lights as called for in the foregoing and agrees to add to the existing installation arc and incandescent lights from time to time on reasonable notice, as requested by the town, provided the lights so added are not more than 500 feet distant from any arc or incandescent lamp installed at the time the request is made. Any are or incandescent light once added shall be continued for the remaining life of the contract. The town shall have the right to request change of location of any street light at any time but shall pay the expense of such change.

The town agrees to take from the company for whatever number of years the contract is made all the electrical current required for fighting the streets, public buildings and other places and pay for same at the regular rates of the company, or as otherwise provided and agrees not to construct or operate any electrical or gas generating plant during the life of the contract. A minimum monthly payment is to be agreed upon. Rates with discount schedules to be charged for commercial and residential lighting show a minimum charge of \$1 per month, whereas the minimum rate charged now by the town is \$1.50 per month; and a rate of 15 cents per kilowatt hour with discounts ranging from 10 per cent to 55 per cent, according to the amount used. Rates for small power show a minimum of \$1.50 per horse power for first ten horse power connected plus \$1 per power (minimum) for all over 10 horse power. A discount of 10 per cent is allowed on all bills paid before the month following that in which the bill was contracted.

It is further agreed that the company shall not discriminate against the town or its inhabitants in the matter of rates charged. The current is to be furnished day and night.

Sure and Its a Long and Heavy Bunch They Are.

Mr. Colin Britt of Britt's township was in town Tuesday and Mr. R. M. N. Stephens learned from him that the combined weight of himself and his two sons and his two sonsin-law is 1085 pounds and that the total length of the five of them is 301/2 feet. Mr. Everett Britt of Lum-

berton is one of the sons. Mr. Stephens, in reporting this to The Robesonian, said that this does not bear out the assertion one sometimes reads to the effect that the race is growing smaller. At least he thinks that this seems to indicate that

it is not so in Robeson county.

ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

Will Hold Joint Session in Lumberton December 14-Topics for Discus-

A meeting of the County Teachers' Association in joint session with the school committeemen of all the schools in the county will be held here Saturday December 14th. The meeting will be held in the graded school building. Superintendent J. R. Poole has requested all the school committeemen to be present at this meeting, and he says that it is his desire to have the committeemen organize just as the teachers of the county are organized. He thinks that such an organization to work in conjunction with the Teachers' Association will mean much for the growth and development of the school work in the county.

Superintendent Poole has mapped out the following topics for discussion

at this meeting.

1. What definite qualifications and what definite things have you a right, peas. as school committeemen, to expect of the teacher in your district this ses-

2. Along what definite lines has the teacher in your district a right to expect active co-operation as a school committeeman?

3. What definite benefits have been gained for the children of your district, as well as for the community at large, through the voting of local

4. What centile benealts have been gained for the children of your district, as well as the community at large, through the consolidation of the small one-teacher schools into a large school with two or more teach-

5. Along what definite lines can you as a shcool committeeman labor to improve the educational opportunities and advantages of the children of your district, as well as

your county at large? The colered Teachers' Association of the county with the colored committeemen will meet here Saturday, December 7th. An excellent program has been arranged for this meeting

## CLARKTON NEWS NOTES.

A Series of Meetings-Speaking of Persimmons-Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Nov. 26.-Mr. D. B. McKee of Rosindale spent a short while Saturday in town.

Mr. Frank A. Harrington spent a short while Saturday afternoon at Lumberton on business. Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Craven, of Abbottsburg spent Sunday with Mrs.

Craven's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. S. minutes after sunset to 30 minutes Miss Julia McKee has returned to Rowland after spending some time

with relatives and friends. Mr. D. G. McKee spent Saturday night in Tar Heel with his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Monroe, who spent the last two weeks in this neighborhood. Mr. G. W. Potts spent Sunday in

Wilmington. Mr. J. T. Gooden spent Saturday afternoon in Lumberton having some dental work done.

Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., is holding a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church here, beginning Sunday, November 17, and will last through Thanksgiving. The interest is growing very much, and so far seven have been received into the church and three more applicants. People in this section are about

through gathering now. "Happy Jack" talks of fine things on the "Mount," but we have some of the finest persimmons you ever saw. They are larger than an egg and have no seed in them. They are the Japanese variety.

Off for Richmond to Witness Thanks-

giving Day Football Game. Quite a number are making arrangements to leave these parts this evening for Richmond, Va., to witness tomorrow the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the universities of North Carolina and fleeing parties was struck, but not seriously wounded. Only two men agent for the V. & C. S. Railroad, has arranged for a Pullman can to be attached to the regular train leav- and Sunday and part of the ing here this evening at 8:20 o'clock. The car has already arrived and Mr. Jones says that he thinks it will be filled to its capacity. The following are among those who will go from Lumberton: Messrs. T. A. McNeill; Jr., J. Dixon McLean, Jno. F. French, Henry L. Pope, Lacy McKen-zie, F. P. Gray, O. H. Bracy, Wiley Barnes, Luby Prevatt, R. A. Mc-Lean, W. J. Prevatt, H. H. Ander-son, John Rogers and Dr. N.A. Thompson. Some three or four from Fairmont and eight from St. Paul are expected to join the party. Those taking advantage of this trip can return Friday morning on the regular train due here at 8:45. The roundtrip fare including Pullma i fare both

## ways will be \$9.

Superior Court Next Week. A 2-weeks' term of Robeson superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin next Monday morning. In the Raleigh correspondence of yesterday's Wilmington Star it was stated that Gov. Kitchin had approved an exchange of courts whereby county will hold this court instead of thence over the Coast Line to Max-Judge S. C. Bragaw, who was expected to preside. Judge Lane is the youngest judge in the State.

When baby suffers with croup, apply but it is thought that the passenger and give Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil at train will be able to make the trip Longitudinally and latitudinally speaking, that is some class for a long way. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores, Subscribe for The Robesonian.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Trade-Church Services - Some Booze Artists Try to Shoot Up the Town and Get Pulled-Not a Good Place to Cut Up-Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Nov. 25 .- There is plenty of excitement in this town every week to fill a column, had we the spare time to inform you.

The cotton season has been so extensive here that our banker was compelled to call for assistance, so his brother Mr. Daniel of Georgia is busy in the bank and has been for two weeks. Parkton is a great cotton market and the buyers are numerous, the prices grand. On Saturdays the trade is enormous. The trade has been very good all the fall. The cotton will soon all be out of the fields. A good deal of peas is being gathered this fall. Every farmer should be sure and gather his seed

On last Wednesday night there was a most interesting Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church, given by the children of the Sunday school. Mrs. D. S. Currie, who had trained the children, had everything up-to-date and a most interesting programme was presented to a large congregation. The children recited and sang and marched in their usual manner. The choir was inspiring. Mr. C. D. Williamson and son J. F. assisted the choir with cornet and baritone. Rev. E. L. Stack made a most interesting talk on thanksgiving. A liberal collection was taken for Barium Springs Orphanage.

Rev. Mr. Brown of South Carolina preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Rev. E. L. Stack of the Methodist church also filled his regdar appointments Sunday morning and evening, having large congrega-tions. Rev. J. W. Cobb of Lumber Bridge will conduct a Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church Thursday night. Rev. J. M. Dunaway of North Wilkesboro will preach at the Baptist church the second Sunday in December. Saturday and Sunday a week ago the fourth quarterly con-ference was held in the Methodist church. This was one of the best quarterly meetings the writer ever ttended. The presiding elder, Rev. R. B. John, was at his best, and on Sunday at 11 o'clock he preached an able sermon. He made some flatter-ing remarks about the new charge composed of Marvin, Parkton and Rev. Mr Grove churches. Stack has served the new circuit most satisfactorily and it is the unanimous wish of the congregations of all the churches that he be returned, as he is a preacher suited for any and all occasions.

We have been informed that there will be a change in the hotel here as Mrs. McNair has sold out to Mr. T. W. Thompson.

Mr. J. C. Lancaster came in from Florida last week and will enjoy a vacation of a few weeks with home

We are also informed that Mr. A McM. Blount has sold out both his farm and house and lots in town. Mr. W. E. Parham has been elected

chief marshal and is proving him-

self to be a good officer. well qualified physically and mental-When he lays his hand on any one that one had just better go with him now. This is the kind of officer to have. If I mistake not he has been marching several parties to the lockup. Some smart white men and boys seem to think town is the place to tank up and have a good time, and if you have more money than you can take care of, come on; here is the place to leave it. On last Saturday night some unrully white men got their large jug out of the express office, or rather, got their express ealier in the day and drank rather freely during the day and about 10 o'clock Saturday night undertook to shoot up the town. Several shots were exchanged by the town officers and the rowdy parties. None of the officers were struck by any of the shots but we are advised that one of the guard house to spend Saturday night Monday. Our best advice to the unrully public is to keep cool and straight while in the town of Parkton or you may get pulled. We anticipate a mess of sausage

and pudding ere this lett r be read. This should be a glorious week with is all, Thanksgiving week, and we all get a day off. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes are the happy and fond parents of an 11-

A Seaboard Freight Train Wrecked

pound boy, born vesterday.

Near Laurinburg. East-bound through freight train No. 18 was wrecked last night about two miles east of Laurinburg. It is understood that four or five cars were turned over and quite a bit of track was torn up. The cause of the wreck has not been learned. It is reported that a carload of mules being shipped to Mr. W. I. Linkhaw was in the wreck. On account of the wreck the morning passenger train No. 49, due ere at 10 o'clock, was two hours late, and it had to go around the wreck then, going over the Laurin-Judge H. P. Lane of Rockingham burg Southern to Johns Station and

> It is reported that a trestle near Barnesville, on the Raleigh & Chareston road, was burned this morning, but it is thought that the passenger

PROCTORVILLE POINTS.

Good Prices for Cotton and Good Money Raised for Work of New A Surprise Marriage-Death of Mr. Church - New Residences - Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Proctorville, Nov. 25 .- Politicial af- Correspondence of The Robesonian. fairs have settled, and the world is running along in the same old way, as far as we can see, so "Jumbo" taking the latter as easy as possible. and did show conclusively how the neighboring farmers, until another taking whatever comes in a quiet, crop is made. Cotton prices are remaining pretty good, and the "smile that won't come off" is generally to be seen on the faces of the farmers. Rev. W. W. Willis, our pastor, fill-

ed his regular appointment here yesterday, and preached a noble ser-mon on "The Holy Ghost as received by the Disciples on the day of Pen-tecost, in Jerusalem, and the per-sonality of the Holy Ghost." His ad-dress was beautifully delivered, as are all his sermons.

An action was taken in conference, and all necessary money raised to finish the outside work on the new church building, which when com-pleted will be the most up-to-date, and most beautiful church in this part of the county.

Our most extinguished Dr. Ayers is preparing to erect a very beauti-ful residence on Graham avenue, which he wishes to occupy the first of January. I have not time here to go into details who will be mistress, but likely state those facts later. We understand that Mr. W. R. Surles, one of our noted merchants and business men, is contemplating the erection of a nice cottage early in the future. Our little town is on the boom, and those who are acquainted with the facts will not contradict the statement; and by the way, Mr. H. Barnes is just completing a nice five-room cottage on Atkinson street So Hurrah for Proctorville.

We are glad to report that Mr. Barnes, who received injuries in an tomobile accident, as reported in The Robesonian last week, is recuperat-

Mrs. P. P. Smith spent a few days visiting Mrs. W. B. Flowers at Page's Mill, S. C., last week.

Quite a number of our young folks took in the oyster supper at "Nye's" school house last Friday night. Mr. Hartford Barnes, who is with the A. C. L. R. R. Co. at Rocky Mount,

spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. R. Davis. Mr. Jasper Humphrey went on a flying trip to Bladenboro Saturday evening, and returned Sunday even-

Miss Meekie Graham went to Fayetteville Saturday to visit friends and relatives for a few days.

With the buzz of the cotton gins, the sound of the carpenters's hammer in my ears, which denote progressive times in Proctorville, I bid you adieu' till another time.
"JUMBO."

MANY SUCKERS FLEECED.

Wire Tapping and Other Swindling Schemes Flourishing. New York Dispatch, 25th.

Wire tapping and other swindling schemes are, it is said today, flourishing in this city, \$750,000 being taken from gullible persons within the last year. Most of those swindled have been out-of-town citizens, who generally fear to prosecute when arrests

are made.

Charles and Frederick Gondorf, said to be the leaders of the best wire tapping gang in this city, were three months ago on a arrested ers and Decrease of Members. charge of swindling, but the com-High Point Dispatch, 25th. plainant refused to prosecute them. Recently the same men, with five others were arrested for swindling which in October alone, netted them \$98,000. A man who has many acquaintances among the wire tapping crowd told a reporter today that in the last eleven months these swindlers have made not less than \$750,000. This man said some of their schemes, victims and rewards are as follows: A gang swindled two report showed an increase of 10 men from Portland, Oregon, using the ancient "Spanish prisoner" trick, out of \$36,000 The same crowd present Conference membership, infleeced a Concord, N. H., merchant by means of the "sick mining engineer" scheme out of \$27,000. Wire tapping with three Oklahoma men as victims, netted the gang \$68,000. The "sick engineer" game made a Cleveland, Ohio, physician poorer by \$43,000. A swindler who works alone landed a Dayton, Ohio, merchant by orally giving him the flat-iron building as security on a three months note for \$20,000. Wire tapping cost four ference. Des Moines, Iowa, lawyers and phy-Statistics sicians, who permitted one of their number to carry on the deal which amounted to \$18,000. Wire tapping cost a Dubuque, Iowa, mercahnt \$11,000. Two men from Dallas, Texas, were caught by the sick "en-gineer" game for a loss of \$24,000. Epworth Leagues League Members 3,039; A fake fight staged near White Plains, N. Y., cost a party of Alask-ans \$8,000. A well-known artist with

amounted to \$98,000. The Wrong Name.

gang for \$36,000.

The Robesonian is advised by B. B. Barnes of Rowlnad that he name of the man who is charged with killing Catti Morrison, colored, in Alfordsville township on the 16th inst. is Herbert Baker and not Herbert Barnes, as Coroner Rancke reported to The Robesonian.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

N. B. Brown-Faculty Recital Next Monday Night-Social and Personal.

Red Springs, Nov. 26 .- Dr. Eugene May, of Washingon, D. C., spoke to an appreciative audience in the colcomes again to let the outside world lege auditorium on Monday evening know that we are still living and en- of last week. His subject, "Coming joying and abhoring the privileges Up Smiling," was quite suggestive and disadvantages as they come, but and appropriate. He tried to show. The question of gathering crops is ills and burdens of life may be lightabout a thing of the past with our end by the habit of not worrying but even-tempered way-smiling, not frownnig-no matter how much we would wish conditions otherwise. Many humorous jokes and anecdotes enlivened this address while, the excellent diction and pleasing manner of the speaker gave genuine enjoyment. At times he grew eloquent, and swayed his hearers from hilarious feelings to those of pathos and

The marriage of Mrs. T. M. Cunningham and Mr. John W. McKay, which took place on the evening of the 21st inst., was quite a surprise to their friends. They motored over to Maxton, had the eremony performed Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and the took the train for Wilmington. Mr. McKay is the poplar cashier of the Carolina Bank & Trust Co. of this place. Mrs. Cunningham was form-erly Miss Flora McKinnon, daughter of the late Dr. W. M. McKinnon, who for several years pacticed medicine in this community. Many congratulations and best wishes are extended.

Mr. James Townsend and his bride arrived a few days ago and for the present are at the home of Mr. Townsend's father, Mr. S. R. Townsend. On Friday evening last Miss Wade

of Texas, an elocutionist who came to us highly endorsed, entertained an audience in the opera house. This was for the benefit of our graded school and was attended by the pupils and friends. Mr. Neill B. Brown, an honored eld-

er of Red Springs Presbyterian church, died suddenly on the 18th inst. at his home three miles from town. He was held in highest esteem and will be sadly missed not only by his own immediate family bu by a large circle of friends who admired and loved him for his many qualities of sterling worth.

On Monday evenig, December 2nd, the first faculty recital will be given in the auditorium by teachers in Conservatory of Music here. The event is always looked forward to with pleasure and much enjoyment is af-

forded to all who attend. Mrs. D. P. McEachern leaves on 27th inst. for a visit to her daughter in far-a-way Porto Rico. She will be greatly missed by her host of friends, who wish for her a pleasant

voyage and safe return next spring. There will be a union service of all the denominations in the Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving Day at o'clock in the evening, at which time a collection will be taken for the different orphanages of which the churches have charge. Rev. Mr. Justice .pastor of the Baptist chuch, will preach the sermon.

Rev. S. A. Cotton, who for the last four years has been the beloved pastor of Red Springs Methodist church, is this week attending the North Carolina Conference in Fayetteville. His many frineds, of all denominations here, regret that he will be removed to another field and will not be much longer one of our number. His excellent family also will be greatly missed.

Western North Carolina Conference Closes-Slight Increase of Preach-

The 23rd annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, ended shortly after noon today with the reading of appointments of Bishop Collins Denny. Much business was crowded into the final session. The Franklin district was abolished, the district being largely absorbed by the Waynesville district. The statistical preachers over the preceeding year, and a decrease of 151 members. The cluding 179 preachers, is 95,030. Sabbath observance committee's report, which was adopted, urged that instead of repealing the present Sunday postoffice closing act, it be made to apply to every postoffice in the country. The conference refused to order an assessment of \$3,000 in the conference confines for the benefit of the North Carolina Christian Ad-

vocate, the official organ of the con-The following statistics were submitted to the Conference today: Number of local preachers 179; Church membership 95,030; infants baptized 1,636; adults baptized 2,621; 73; Epworth schools 782; officers and teachers 5,-707; scholars 70,744; amount contributed to Conference claimants \$9. home in Long Island, who prefers to 048; to foreign missions \$19,403; domestic missions \$18,574; Church exlive in Maine, hit the wire-tapping The Sidburry tension \$8,038; American Bible So-Powell - Jones - Pendleton swindles ciety \$871; presiding elders \$19,717; preachers in charge \$167,240; bishops \$2,879; number of societies 874; houses of worship 819; pastoral charges 225; parsonages 192; dis-

"Doan's Ointment cured me of eczema that had annoyed me for a long time. The result was lasting" Hon S W Mathews, Commissioner, Labor Statistics, Augusta, Me.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

-Cotton today, 12% cents.

-There will be a basketball game on the graded school grounds Friday afternoon a 3 o'clock.

-Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod is entertaining the Young Matrons' Club his afternoon at her home on Chestnut and Fifth streets. -The Pastime theatre will open to-

morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock order that those taking a holiday may have the opportunity of visiting the show in the afternoon. -The members of Cyprus Camp No. 125, W. O. W., will enjoy an oys-

ter supper tomorrow their hall in the McLeod building. A full attendance is desired and it is expected that the boys will be there. -The ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church expected to sell cakes all day today at Townsend

Bros.'store to raise money for the new church, but they sold out in a wery short while this morning and had -Miss Lily Duke, of Durham, has adivsed the ladies of Chestnut Street

Methodist church that she will not be able to make the talk she was expected to make at the church this evening at the regular prayermeeting

-Mr. Jno. C. Sout, of Rocky Mount, is in town today. He is the artchitect who drew the plans for Mr. H. M. McAllister's handsome two-story residance which is being erected on the corner of Seventh and Chestnut

-Miss Jean Pratt will go tonight to Bennettsville S. C., where she will spend a few days at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carroll. She will serve punch tomorrow afternoon at a reception to be given by her sister.

-The local freight offices of the Virginia & Carolina Southern, Seaboard Air Line and Raleigh & Charles-ton railroads will close tomorrow at 10 a. m. for the day. After the above-mentioned hour no freight will be received or delivered at the de-

—Jeff Bailey and Henry Bryant, both colored, were before Mayor Caldwell Monday to answer to the charges of being drunk and disorderly. Bryant was fined \$5 and costs and Bailey was fined \$10 and costs. On failure to pay costs and fine, Bailey was placed in jail.

-The graded school closes for the week this afternoon to observe Thanksgiving Day. The banks and other business houses and the postoffice will observe the day and there will be services tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. at the First Baptist and Presbyterian churches, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian.

-Mr. Grover Britt, known to Robesonian readers as Happy Jack, has accepted a position as salesman in the big department store of White & Gough. "Happy" says that he shall not fail to visit the "Mount" at least once a week in order that he may keep posted as to the doings in those parts. He began work last week.

-Dr. W. A. McPhaul and family are finishing the job of moving today into their handome new home on Elm The residence on Fifth street which Dr. McPhaul vacates, will be occupied by Mrs. R. E. Steele and family, who now live in the Presbyterian manse, Chestnut and Tenth streets. Mrs. Steele will probably move next week.

-Invitations reading as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wright announce the marriage of their daughter

Sallie Maudelle William O. Floyd

on Tuesday December twenty-fourth. Nineteen Hundred and Twelve Wilmington, North Carolina. Miss Helen Stainback, who has been

spending several days visiting at Henderson, is expected to return this

DRIFTING TOWARD WAR.

Possibility of Greater War Than That Between Balkan States and Turkey - Absorbing Public In-

London Dispatch, 26th.

The possibility and danger of a greater war than that between the Balkan States and Turkey absorbs public interest far more than the first bout of diplomacy between the bel-ligerents outside of Constantinople.

The steps toward mobilization which Asutria and Russia are taking. although but preliminary precautions, have made possible a vision of the vast consequences, which as far as Great Britain is concerned, are considered nothing less than appalling. Apparently the British public has no desire to sacrifice lives and money, paralyze commerce and risk the navy over the settlement of the status of the Balkan peninsular. Yet it is uneasy because ignorant of how far Great Britain's diplomatic engagements with France and Russia extend in the direction of an alliance and of how much likelihood there is that the government will be drawn in a conflict in which one or both its partners

in the Entente may be engaged. The Liberal press is unanimous in urging Great Britain to preserve neutrality The majority of the Conservatives demand the same policy. The Times ,declaring that none of the European peoples wants war,

says:
"Yet that is whither the nations are blindly drifting."

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