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WILMINGTON, N. C. FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29.

THE WORLD'S RAILWAYS.

Railways are the great material developers of the world and one of the most potent factors in the progress of civilization.

The United States easily stands first among the nations in the length of the railroads.

Within the past few days we have called attention to the large and steady growth of our exports of corn and corn meal.

Salisbury Index: About 1.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon part of the three-story buildings owned by Craig & Wilson in Gastonia, and which was used as a storage warehouse for their business, collapsed.

Charlotte News: Monday afternoon, Miss Mamie Goodman, a daughter of Mr. Geo. C. Goodman, of Cabarrus county, had a burr in her mouth.

A New Jersey woman who sued for divorce from her husband, put it on the ground that he was too demonstrative.

A man and a woman, who went out shopping in New York the day before Christmas, are missing.

The United States have now about 186,000 miles of railway, more than all of Europe.

AN ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE.

Hon. M. L. Lockwood, Chairman of the American Anti-Trust League, has issued an address to the American people, and a call for an anti-trust conference to meet at Chicago on February 12th, 1907.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The discovery that Sampson has drawn \$549 in excess of his pay while acting as a rear-admiral serves as a reminder of his promptness in laying claim to the prize money for the destruction of Gorrer's ships.

The valued Chicago Times-Herald has decided that there are but ninety-nine years in the present century; that Sampson smashed Cervara at Santiago, and that Mr. Foraker is a huge lump of all-round wickedness.

The Boer girls go a long distance to see the fighting and remain to care for their wounded and weep for the dead, but not one has been drawn away from the firing line.

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LARGE LOADS.

One of the details of the team Good has drawn is lost by drawing small loads. Many times have I seen farmers going to town with a load of only 30 or 40 bushels.

The engineer misunderstood the signals and there was a frightful railroad collision with terrible loss of life and property.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, Dec 28. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 48 cents per gallon for mace, and 47 1/2 cents per gallon for country casks.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at \$1.50 per barrel for hard, \$2.00 for dip, and the rest virgin.

PEANUTS.—North Carolina.—Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, \$1.05.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, \$2.25 to \$2.35; six-inch, \$4.00 to \$5.00; seven-inch, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, December 28.—Money on call was steady at 4 1/2 per cent.

FOREIGN MARKETS. LIVERPOOL, December 28.—Wheat—last spot and month 71 1/2 @ 71 3/4.

ARRIVED. Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T. D. Love.

DEPARTING. Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T. D. Love.

LIST OF VESSELS IN THE PORT OF WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29, 1899.

STEARNS. Laurelswood (Br), 1,595 tons, Master, E. S. Brown.

NEWS AND OPINIONS. National Importance. THE SUNDAY STAR ALONE CONTAINS BOTH.

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PRODUCE MARKETS. NEW YORK, December 28.—Flour very slow and if anything easier.