

GEN. CARR SENDS CHRISTMAS CHECK

Durham's Needy Share In \$1,300 Drawn On Him From Honolulu

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By S. R. WINTERS. Greetings and Christmas tidings of a substantial sort were transmitted to Durham's population by Gen. Julian S. Carr, now in Honolulu. The city's poor and needy were remembered in expressions of well-designed appropriateness. His check book was drawn upon for a \$1,000 in the free distribution. The factory laborer whose income limits his expenditures to household necessities, the cripple whose earning capacity is sadly handicapped, the misfit who has found city life a series of rebuffs, and the orphaned and widowed families—these were in manifold ways gladdened by the gift. To some a ton of coal was the helpful remembrance; to another a Christmas turkey was a present that radiated happiness; to still others cash contributions responded fittingly to the season's tidings.

The creditors of C. W. Kendall will entertain a proposition to accept a twenty-five per cent composition on January 5. Charles Scarlett, referred to in bankruptcy, has issued a call for a meeting on that date. The refusal of a composition will signify an orderly procedure of the bankruptcy matter. Comedy was injected into Durham's interminable line of march to the express office for Christmas packages. A negro capitalized the congested conditions of applicants to reach the delivery window by raffling off his position for a quarter. He would restate himself in the line of one hundred and fifty persons and continue indefinitely his bargain of first come first served to the fall of the tail end of the line. All day long the procession continued. By three o'clock this afternoon one thousand quarts remained undelivered.

Marriage licenses: Hubert Bobbitt, of Littleton, and Miss Annie Cate, of Durham; David Pope and Miss Lela Bayles, of West Durham.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" To get the genuine call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Etc.—Adv.

REYNOLDS PROTESTS TOBACCO REGULATIONS

By H. E. C. BRYANT. Washington, Dec. 24. In a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today counsel for the Southern Railroads replying to the contentions of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company that the packing regulations for cigarettes are unreasonable, declare that the regulations were intended to protect shipments from theft. The brief was filed by R. Walton Moore and Edward H. Hart, who state that the Reynolds company produce approximately one sixth of the cigarette output of the country. In 1914 the total output was 16,500,000,000 cigarettes.

The Reynolds company complained to the commission that the provision in railroad tariffs that cigarettes, when shipped in fibre board, pulp board or straw board boxes must be secured with metal straps is an unreasonable requirement costing thousands of dollars a year. The brief of the roads says in part: "The special provision for the container of cigarettes has for its main object the affording of security against concealed theft; that is, pilferage where the package comes to consignee bearing no evidence of having been tampered with. That the hazard of concealed cigarettes is a very real and substantial one cannot be successfully controverted. The intrinsic hazard is greatly augmented by the fact that they are almost universally used and as shown by complainant's testimony, move in astonishingly large quantities. The metal straps to remove this insurance would be on a par with removing a watchman and fire alarm system from a large property because it had not been burglarized. "While the loss to cigarette shippers under existing regulations is nominal, with the protection removed it would be substantial. We submit that complainant's contentions are without merit and that the complaint should be dismissed."

A decision will be rendered early in the new year.

U. S. TO INVESTIGATE SINKING OF JAP SHIP

Washington, Dec. 24.—The State Department today began an inquiry into the sinking in the Mediterranean of the Japanese liner Yawaka Maru by cableing the American consular agent at Port Said, Egypt, to gather and forward promptly all available details. Prompt action followed receipt of unofficial reports that the vessel had been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine without warning, thereby endangering the life of an American citizen who was on board. Should official verification of the reports be received the matter will be made the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary. Officials made no attempt tonight to conceal the fact that the sinking of the Yawaka Maru under the alleged circumstances would seriously complicate the negotiations over the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, which already has threatened to result in the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

Negro Hit By Auto, Dies. (Special to the News and Observer.) Wilson, Dec. 24.—Eliasha Haskett, the 65-year-old negro who was run down last Tuesday afternoon by an automobile, driven by P. H. Lazar, who conducts a garage on South Goldboro street, died Thursday afternoon at the Wilson Sanitarium. Mr. Lazar was placed under a \$300 bond to appear at an investigation into the matter on January 5, 1916.

GREENSBORO HAS COMMUNITY TREE

Event Chief Object of Interest Last Night; Many View Display

Greensboro, Dec. 24.—The Community Christmas Tree was the chief event of Christmas eve here. Fair and warm weather, such as has not favored the occasion heretofore, made it possible to have a large crowd and a splendid program. Probably three or four thousand people were in sight of the tree, which stood upon the court house lawn, for the exercises at six o'clock this evening. Most predominant in the program were Mortimer Browning, of Greensboro College for Women, directed the music and high school students and members of church choirs sang the carols and anthems. The chorus was accompanied by a large orchestra.

One thousand persons of the city were remembered with gifts, poor children of the city being especially cared for by local organizations. For several weeks gifts for adult poor and children of poor parents have been coming in, and the liberality of Greensboro people was on a larger scale this year than ever before. No one who came was allowed to go away without something to add happiness to the greatest holiday of the year. Officers of the county and city, as well as those of the internal revenue department, say that violators of the State prohibition laws have been more active during the last few weeks, and seem better organized, than they have been at any time before. Several raids have been made by Sheriff Stafford during the present month upon parties traveling in automobiles and conveying one kind of Christmas cheer. In the sheriff's office here now are all kinds of containers for whiskey, and about 200 gallons of different brands of whiskey are on hand. It is said that there are regular whiskey routes that lead through the county from Virginia to High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Salisbury and probably other towns.

COMMUNITY TREES ALL OVER COUNTRY

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of the fifteenth assembly district played Santa Claus to nearly 4,000 persons. Through an Italian newspaper 3,000 parcels were distributed among the Italian poor.

In hospitals and institutions there was no lack of the Christmas spirit and in almost every one of them there was a tree. An entertainment was given to-night for the immigrants at Ellis Island. Many of those on the island detained as undesirable have been here since the war began because of the closing of the ports of their home countries. Christmas day was ushered in with prayers for peace offered at midnight masses in every Roman Catholic church in the diocese under instructions from Cardinal Farley.

Main Feature In West.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Community trees featured the celebration of Christmas eve in many cities in the middle west. Chicago's biggest Christmas in years began at nightfall. At Grant Park, on the Lake front, a ninety-foot community tree shed rays of light on a crowd of watchers and in the crowded tenement house districts self-appointed Santas climbed back stairs and left baskets of good things to bring Christmas joy. Charity organizations asserted that fewer Christmas baskets were required this year than ever before, though they estimated them to number more than ten thousand.

At St. Louis hundreds gathered in a public square at nightfall to watch the illumination of the great municipal tree and to sing carols. In the Zion country, according to Duluth dispatches, the prosperity of mining industry made Christmas this year a joyous event. Lumber companies established a precedent by feeding the employes the first turkey dinner ever served in the remote camps. They also raised wages. Mining companies began the busiest winter in the history of the industry by putting their men on a three-shift basis.

Hold Outdoor Festival.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—San Francisco's annual outdoor Christmas eve festival took place in the Plaza of the new civic center. The coldest this year was Miss Alice Gentle.

70 QUARTS WHISKEY STOLEN FROM DEPOT

Christmas booze in the neighborhood of Wilson Mills will be very scarce, indeed, this year. Many of the "celebrators" will be disappointed. Wednesday night, according to reports reaching Raleigh, unknown persons entered the express office at the depot there and stole 70 quart packages of whiskey. The whiskey was destined to be delivered to "orderers." It was an attempt to enter the same office a few nights before the robbery was frustrated by persons who fired at the unknown persons.

Allen Out For Senate.

Hendersonville, Dec. 24.—T. B. Allen, who represented this district in the State Senate in 1913, has announced that his name will be before the coming primary as a candidate for the senatorial nomination. This is the first political announcement for the coming election nearly a year off. Mr. Allen is one of the biggest and most prosperous farmers and stock growers in Henderson county, his home being in the Mills River section.

Councilman Busting Hurt.

Wilmington, Dec. 24.—While on his way home Wednesday night about 10 o'clock, Councilman Lewis M. Bunting, in charge of the Fire Department, slipped and fell on the ice at Second and Grace streets, suffering a broken collar bone, injured rib and received some minor bruises. He did not know he was so badly injured until he awoke yesterday morning and found that he could not move his shoulder. It is expected that he will be out again in a few days.

Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year. We Thank You For a Liberal Christmas Business and We Wish You Every Joy of the Season. Least you forget, our Great Holiday Sale is at its best. Every Suit in the house that sold at \$22.50 to \$25.00 now \$16.95. Every Suit in the house that sold at \$18.50 to \$22.50 now \$14.75. Every Suit that sold at \$15.00 and \$16.50 now \$9.90. A Store Full of Practical Christmas Presents. Whiting-Horton Co. 10 East Martin Street THE HOME OF GOOD CLOTHES.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Vance Sykes and wife to D. E. Gill, two tracts, for \$100 and other valuable considerations. W. H. Jeffrey and wife to A. W. Jeff, tract of 81 acres, for \$100 and other considerations.

SCIENCE AND THE WAR.

Neglect of Former Responsible For England's Mistake, Says Professor. (By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 24.—Neglect of science is responsible for England's mistakes, according to Prof. E. D. Poulton, of Oxford University. In speaking of "science and the great war," he said: "Nearly all our failures in the present conflict, have been due to the national neglect of science and the excessive pre-eminence in Parliament and especially in the government of the spirit that is the most antagonistic to science—the spirit of the advocate."

The great danger of the lawyer-politician in time of crisis, according to the speaker, is that he has been accustomed to live in an atmosphere of compromise, of action based on finding a mean between conflicting interests and of scrupulous regard for precedent. In war, the advocate makes the worst possible guide. The British government has decided a number of vital issues without scientific evidence and even then, for the sake of appearances, has clung to its mistakes. As the result, thousands of lives have been sacrificed. As an instance in point, Prof. Poulton spoke of the ignorance of science on the part of the ministry that had to be driven into declaring fats, oils, and cotton as contraband. One-third of the German ammunition for heavy guns consists of nitro-glycerine, and fats are the only source of glycerine. The speaker pronounced it dangerous for a country whose prosperity depended on science to be ruled by politicians and civil servants utterly ignorant of scientific knowledge. Manufacturers are based on applied science. Great Britain is a manufacturing country. While Britain has taken a leading part in the development of science than Germany, science still stands apart in the general educational scheme. In Germany, science is put to every possible use by the government. German success in trench warfare has been entirely due to science. The British government, on the other hand, long delayed asking for and accepting advice on scientific aspects of war from men qualified to speak.

To Conduct Mission.

New Bern, Dec. 24.—Announcement was made today that a mission will be conducted at Christ Episcopal Church, in this city, from January 1 to 7, Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, being in charge. This mission was to have been held a few weeks ago, but at that time Rev. Ashby had sickness in his family and could not come to New Bern.

Dr. John A. Collins Dies.

Weldon, Dec. 24.—Dr. John A. Collins, one of the best known physicians in Halifax county, died at his home in Eufield last night. He has been a member of the county board of education for a long time and was chairman up to

WAR MADE THIS CITY.

Lively Times Now in Bethune; Quiet as Churchyard Formerly. (By the Associated Press.) Boulogne, France, Dec. 24.—The most popular town in France, so far as the opinion of the British soldier goes, is Bethune. Located not far behind the lines, it has become the great pleasure resort for officers and soldiers who can get only a day or two of leave.

Bethune escaped the horrors of actual warfare in the early days of the fighting across France, although a small body of German troops actually entered the town on one occasion. In the months that followed, the sound of the guns was frequently heard, and occasionally shells fell within the municipal limits, but never with serious results.

The town centers around a hill and a square, from which radiate a few narrow streets and boulevards. At the foot of the hill runs the now famous La Bassee canal. Around the square there are bright shops, cheerful cafes, picture esque restaurants, and amiable rustic population,—all of which will be remembered with tender feelings by thousands of British soldiers who have spent days of comparative ease and luxury there.

The needs of the soldier are few and his pleasures simple. Bethune supplies all he wants. It has good lodging-places, capable barbers, and warm baths for which the man from the trenches especially longs. There is a fair theatre, and a bandstand in the square, where frequently a regimental band is allowed to give an afternoon or evening concert. There is an excellent football field, and provision also for cricket, polo and other sports.

Bethune is a great meeting place of friends and acquaintances, and it is the shopping place for a long stretch of British line. For a time there was an officers club in the old Hotel de France, but this has been closed and now the Cafe de Gloire takes its place, making a specialty of a champagne cocktail whose fame will one day be known through the whole British army. The Cafe is "open solely to officers of the allied armies," in the words of a sign above the door.

Before the war, Bethune was a dull little place, center of a farming district. Tourists and strangers were uncommon, and automobiles were rare enough to be regarded as a curiosity. The town was as quiet as a churchyard except on weekly market days and occasional church fete days. Now, however, every day must seem a superlative fete day to the old inhabitants. Automobiles of all varieties crowd the narrow streets and overflow onto the sidewalks; the square is a mass of military men, horses, and motor lorries; at the street corners khaki-clad policemen stand directing the traffic; the pavements are crowded with soldiers of every rank and variety.

Hampton's Shoals, on Neuse river, to do some dredging. Slump In Marriages. New Bern, Dec. 24.—Dan Cupid, the little god of love, has departed from his usual custom of being extremely active in Craven county along about Christmas time and in consequence but few marriage licenses are being issued. A glance at the marriage license book in Register of Deeds Stephen H. Fowler's office, shows that but five permits to enter the double-harvest state, have been issued this week and four of these were issued to colored couples. Steamer Strikes Snag. New Bern, Dec. 24.—While en route from Vanceboro to New Bern yesterday morning the river steamer "Ellen S." struck a snag at a point about four miles from New Bern and it was necessary to send the steamer "J. B. Bennett" to her assistance before she could continue on her way to this city. The "Ellen S." struck the snag full force and remained suspended upon it for several hours. Fortunately no damage was done to her hull.

ILL HEALTH CAUSES FORD TO QUIT PROJECT.

Stockholm, Dec. 24.—Via London.—On account of his serious illness, Henry Ford has been compelled to abandon his trip. The remaining members of the expedition will continue on to Copenhagen and the Hague with the idea of carrying out Mr. Ford's original plan for a permanent arbitration board. The committee has issued the following statement: "The illness of Mr. Ford while not dangerous is serious. His doctor asserts confidently that there is no organic disease but that there is urgent need for rest. The doctor is hopeful that the relief from responsibility for the expedition will speedily restore him to normal health."

Before leaving the party Mr. Ford said: "If I am well enough, I will surely join the expedition later. I am confident it will continue the same without me and that it will do much toward bringing peace." The absence of Mr. Ford has caused serious regret among the delegates at the impression seems to prevail that it will detract materially from the prospects of the expedition. While in Christiania Mr. Ford was obliged to remain constantly in his hotel and his non-appearance caused much disappointment to the throngs of Norwegians at the meetings and to the many who gathered in front of his stopping place. His exclusion was commented upon by the local press. A message has been sent to Wm. J. Bryan, urging him to come to Europe and join the party.

MISS SAVON KORTON HOSTESS

Entertains Friends at Delightful Christmas Party.

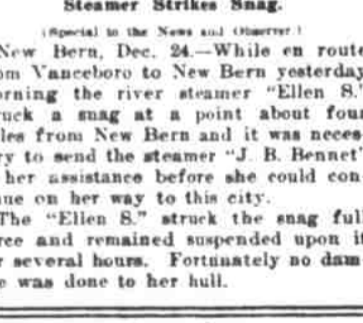
Miss Savon Horton entertained a number of her friends at a Christmas party Thursday night at her home on North Blount street, the guests being unanimous in bestowing praise upon their charming hostess for an enjoyable evening of pleasure. The house was tastefully and beautifully decorated for the occasion; cedar, holly and long-leaf pine forming a color scheme of red and green. Part of the evening was spent by the young people in a "Black Cat" contest, Miss Clarice Ray winning the prize. The lobby went to Miss Lena Ray.

Storm Warnings Out.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The weather bureau announced tonight that storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Tampa, Fla., to Boston, Mass., and along the gulf coast from Tampa, Fla., to Brownsville, Texas. Cold wave warnings have been ordered for the gulf states, northwest Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The Last Word!

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FORD STARTS FOR HOME, PEACE PARTY RUN BY WOMEN

check for 1,000,000 kroner (about \$270,000) to finance the expedition. He left because he recognized that it was impossible to make headway. His party was always at loggerheads and Scandinavian Pacifists adopted an attitude of reserve. When Mr. Ford found all official doors closed he broke down."

Henry Ford's departure from Europe, apparently marks the termination, in its original form, of the most novel of the many movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war. Mr. Ford's announcement that the Women's International Peace Association henceforth will conduct the expedition would seem to indicate that, so far as he personally is concerned, he will relinquish the self-imposed task which he expressed in the phrase: "Out of the trenches by Christmas." It has not been made clear, however, whether Mr. Ford will continue to give financial support to the enterprise. The Women's International Peace Association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at The Hague last spring and appointed delegates to visit the capitals of various European and American nations. One of the most prominent women at the congress was Madame Besika Schwimmer, president of the Hungarian Woman Suffrage Association, and a member of the Ford peace party. After the congress at The Hague, Madame Schwimmer came to the United States to continue her work for peace. She went to Detroit to see Mr. Ford and it was reported it was she who suggested to him the idea of the peace expedition.

Before the peace ship Oscar II reached the other side there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached Christiania he kept in the background, it being said that he was ill. It was not until last night, however, that the unconfirmed report that he had quit the party reached this country. Although full details have not been received, it would appear that he made his departure secretly, and that most of the peace delegates, at the time they left Christiania for Stockholm, were ignorant of the fact that he was not to go on with them. One Christiania dispatch said Mr. Ford had boarded a train from Christiania for Bergen yesterday at about the time his former associates were leaving for Stockholm. It was said Mr. Ford's sudden departure was due to the fact that his physician had ordered him to rest. It was on November 24 that Mr. Ford announced he had chartered the Oscar II and would take to Europe a party of Pacifists.

"The time has come to say 'cease firing,'" he said. "We are going to try to get the boys out of their trenches and back home by Christmas." He added he did not know how he was going to do it. Even at the time the Oscar II sailed on December 4 no well defined plan had been arrived at and the voyagers were not aware what would be done or where they would go when they reached Norway. It was decided later to attempt to form an international committee to sit indefinitely at The Hague and suggest means of peace. Mr. Ford invited the governors of all the states and many other prominent persons to go to Europe with him at his expense. In the party as finally composed there were 148 persons with a large proportion of newspaper correspondents.

The Ford party reached Christiania December 18.