

The War in Brief
SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN WAR
FOR ONE WEEK READ AT A GLANCE

SITUATION AT NACO HAS CLEARED UP

GOVERNOR MAYTORENA HAS MOVED HIS TROOPS 12 MILES FROM BORDER.

A 'CONVENIENT DISTANCE' Messages to Washington Have Been Very Satisfactory and Affairs Ended and No Bloodshed.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Consular Agent Carothers telegraphed the state department that Governor Maytoarena commanding the Villa forces besieging Naco, Sonora, was preparing to withdraw his troops 10 or 12 miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further firing into American territory. Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the artillery, infantry and cavalry concentrated about Naco, Ariz., to enforce the American government's demand that firing across the line cease, reported that Maytoarena apparently had withdrawn. This, however, has not been verified.

RECOMMEND THAT EXPERTS DO WORK

LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE SAYS IT HAS NOT TIME FOR DUTY.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina. Raleigh. The legislative auditing committee which examined the State Treasury, the office of the State Auditor and the Insurance Department recently, and found the substantial general fund balance in the state treasury of \$164,572 for the close of the fiscal year December 1, filed its formal report with Governor Craig for the General Assembly and included a number of important recommendations. One is that provision be made for expert accountants to examine the state institutions that receive state aid annually, especially for the reason that it is practically impossible for a legislative committee to perform this duty with the thoroughness and accuracy that the interests of the state demand.

Try to Avoid Rush General Assembly. In his annual report to Governor Craig and the general assembly, Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes insists that some method should be adopted to avoid the rush of work at the close of the legislative sessions. He points out that at the 1913 session 76 per cent of the acts passed had their final reading and ratification in the last 10 days of the session and he marshals figures from previous sessions to show that the congestion in the last days increases with each session of the general assembly, making inevitable much crude legislation and many inaccuracies.

STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

COMING EVENTS. Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 19-21, 1915. Tri-State Medical Association, Charleston, S. C.—Feb. 17-18, 1915.

Secretary Houston at Aberdeen. Diversified agriculture, the curtailment of the cotton crop, the raising of beef cattle, hogs and poultry, dairying, and the co-operative work of the people were emphasized as the need of the South by Secretary of Agriculture D. F. Houston at Aberdeen, full to the core of valuable suggestions for farm and community life. This was his first address in the South on agriculture since he became a member of President Wilson's cabinet.

Will Make Cheese. A number of experiments have been completed by the dairying division of the North Carolina Experiment Station relative to cheese making as may be practiced by dairymen in the western part of the state. Messrs. W. H. Eaton and Floid R. Farnham have been doing the work and are highly pleased with the results which have been obtained. They are reasonably sure that the art can be successfully established and much profit be derived by the marketing of this delicious dairy product.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS BRIEFS.

Following an argument at a public rest room at the Asheville city hall, adjoining police headquarters, Herbert Smith was shot and instantly killed by William Ballew, who fled from the scene but was captured later by the police. It required approximately \$250,000 to operate the affairs of Mecklenburg county during the past fiscal year, which ended December 1. The Associated Charities of Hickory has now become a permanent organization. C. C. Bost has been appointed to the office of disburser, and placards have been placed in all the stores subscribing to the organization directing those begging alms to apply to Mr. Bost at the city manager's office. The Cramer Furniture Company of Thomasville was recently sold to J. J. Finch for a sum near \$250,000. Ham and bacon will be a big feature at the Statesville live stock show. Veterans of the Confederate army in Buncombe county received a total of \$13,080 in pensions. Wilmington's school attendance is nearly 4,000. Brunswick County has agreed to have a farm demonstrator. Miss Estelle Marx, the chief clerk of the vital statistics department of the Virginia state board of health was in Raleigh inspecting the offices of the state board of health and the system of the department. Caldwell county has just closed a successful exhibit of livestock and poultry. C. T. Tsai, a Chinese official, died at Asheville a few days ago. A big warehouse has been chartered at Tabor and will handle cotton and tobacco. Park Avenue school at Asheville is serving hot soup to students when they arrive at school each morning. The soup is prepared at the school. In a letter to relatives Hickory Mr. Auburn Setzer, in charge of the Presbyterian-Methodist Publishing House in Luebo, Congo, Africa, states that he and Mrs. Setzer are on their way to America. The home of W. R. Carter, in West Asheville, was destroyed by fire with a loss of more than \$2,000, partially covered by insurance. The hose is located within a few feet of a hydrant but the town is without fire-fighting equipment and the blaze could not be controlled by the bucket brigade. The West Asheville Aldermen have just given an order for hose and reels. Several points in Western North Carolina are reporting zerk water. The mission board of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference has just closed its session at Salisbury. The Richmond Federal Reserve Bank has lowered its rediscount rates to correspond with those authorized for Atlanta. Buncombe county's annual seed corn show to be held in Asheville will be bigger than ever this year. Superintendent J. Y. Joyner is urging a permanent secretary of social service.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 27 JESUS, THE WORLD'S SAVIOR AND KING.

(Review.) READING LESSON—II Cor. 5:14-21. GOLDEN TEXT—Far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Gal. 6:14 R. V.

With the exception of the temperance lesson, all the lessons of the quarter have to do with the death and resurrection of our Lord. In the first quarter we considered Jesus as the great Teacher; in the second, he is presented chiefly as the seeking Savior; in the third, we observed him as he acted in judgment upon Israel and sin; in this last, he is seen in his supreme office as Savior and king. The king of love, he is also the world's savior. Deny him his kingship, refuse to become a subject of that kingdom of which he is the head and we bring upon ourselves the condemnation of a righteous judgment. This past quarter particularly reveals him in that final ministry which resulted in the initiation of the new enterprise of proclaiming his gospel, so the end that his kingdom shall be established. We shall consider the lessons under four headings: I. Those of Preparation for His Passion.

These embrace the first three lessons. (1) In the first, we have the beautiful story of the love which anointed him for burial, which he accepted and immortalized. This was not because of the greatness of the act, but because of the appreciation of himself and of his words. (2) Here we observe him presiding over and instituting that lasting memorial, the symbolic feast, wherein the old passes away and the new dispensation is ushered in. (3) In the third lesson we view with awe the agony of the garden wherein he dedicated himself to the coming suffering, 'Not as I will, but as thou wilt'—absolute surrender and delight in the Father's will. II. Those That Preceded His Passion.

These next five lessons lead us through those dark shadows, yea, through a darkness which is yet unfathomable and which ended in the total darkness of Calvary. (4) In this lesson Judas is presented, the incarnation of evil, and the agent of Satan, who betrayed his Lord and 'Friend' by a kiss. Here we see the utter ruin of a soul which chose private ambition instead of fellowship with Jesus. (5) This is a presentation of the greatest and most appalling travesty of justice the world has ever seen. Humanity never descended to any lower depths, yet he is serene, calm, dignified and strong. (6) The Temperance Lesson. (7) This lesson considers the heart-breaking rashness of Peter. (8) This is the story of the ignoble failure of a weak, vacillating, time-server. Story of the Cross.

This brings us to the story of the cross itself, as considered in this sequence of lessons. Before that awe-inspiring, wonder-creating event we stand with bared head. Here sin was unmasked and did its utmost. Here also we behold grace unveiled and active. IV. The Post-Passion Lessons. We are now in a new atmosphere and light, a new glory is to be seen. (10) In this lesson we behold the empty tomb, for 'His body had not been laid in death.' We share with them the glorious, the joyful consciousness that he whom we have just seen die in ignominy and shame and suffering is now alive and 'ever liveth' to be our advocate and ever-present friend. This is a glorious fact, that of the literal, bodily resurrection of Christ from among the dead. Hallelujah! (11) In lesson eleven this same thought is again emphasized and with the suggestion of its accompanying obligation, in that 'we are witnesses of these things.'

In 'Tarbell's Teachers' Guide' is a good suggestion for review Sunday, viz., that a series of alliterical phrases be written upon a board or chart, that will fix the chief idea or serve to recall the lessons, as follows: (1) Let her alone. (2) For ye have the poor. (3) Where-soever this gospel shall be preached. (4) Verily I say unto you, One. (5) For the Son of Man goeth. (6) This is my blood. (7) Take ye. (8) My soul is. (9) Father, all things. (10) Watch and. (11) My God, my. (12) Why seekest ye. (13) Ye shall be my. These phrases may be written upon cards or slips of paper and distributed to classes or individuals, the entire sentence to be recited when called for. It would also be well to make mention of the two years' work in the Synoptic Gospels. Define what the gospel is (1 Cor. 15:1-4), what the word synoptic means, and wherein these Gospels differ from the Fourth Gospel. Drill the school in giving book and chapter of the following: The Lord's Prayer, the parable of the good Samaritan, the mustard seed, the leaven, the prodigal son, the great commandment, the last supper, Gethsemane, the trial of Jesus, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the great commission, the ascension.

December 21.—The Russian official report says engagements on the left bank of the Vistula have been nothing more than outpost affairs. In these the Russians would seem to have been engaged in holding the Germans, while the Russian main force was forming along the Bzura River, where a battle is beginning to develop, and the German attack is said to have been repulsed. Part of the Przemysl garrison has made a sortie in force in an attempt to open the railway to the southwest, and is giving battle to the Russian besieging army. With the Germans strongly entrenched and the ground in bad condition, the Allies' offensive movement in Belgium and France is making slow progress. At several points, however, the French official report records the capture of German trenches. The offensive is being pushed with considerable force in Flanders and from the Belgian border south to the river Oise, where the line turns eastward. The Germans keep up violent counter attacks, and by these and the use of mines, in some cases have prevented the Allies from following up their advantage.

A message from Antwerp to The Amsterdam Telegraph asserts that the Germans, preparing for a possible retreat, are constructing a line of defense across Belgium from the Scheldt along the Dendre River to Mauberge on the French frontier. This, if true, might be considered only a measure of precaution. While the motor section of the South African defense force is gathering in the remainder of the scattered rebels, the main army is forming in German South Africa frontier where the advance guards are in touch. December 20.—The allies, according to Paris, continue to gain ground in Belgium and France, Berlin, however, asserts that the operations have resulted in repulses to the allies in various places in some instances with heavy casualties. Paris says that the French artillery in the region of Verdun.

The British protectorate over Egypt has been declared in all the garrison towns by the firing of a salute of 101 guns and the raising of the British flags. Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed sultan of Egypt. M. Ribot, the French Minister of Finance, has advised the appropriation committee of the chamber of deputies that France will not lack resources to continue the war to a finish without faltering.

Great Britain has recognized the French protectorate over Morocco. The British fleet in the Pacific has been reinforced by the arrival at Callao of the Australian battle cruiser Australia. The British admiralty denies that any British were sunk during the German raid on the east coast of England. It says, however, that two men were killed and 15 wounded aboard the destroyer Hardy.

The latest German statement on the situation is laconic. 'In Poland,' it says, 'we continue to pursue the retreating enemy.' Austria is more communicative than Berlin, for Vienna declares the Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front for some 250 miles from Gallicia to that point in Poland northeast of Lodz, where the Buzur river empties into the Vistula.

December 19.—From Warsaw comes word that at a great battle its progress 30 miles to the westward; that the German wedge has established itself in a strategic position and that desperate fighting is in progress, with reinforcements pouring into both Germans and Russians. In Belgium and France the allies are carrying on the offensive operations begun a few days ago, slowly and steadily. Progress is noted in the French official statement and it is believed infantry on the two sides of the Western battle front have come to grips in many places, the number of wounded indicating the desperate nature of the struggle.

Further details from the English coast towns bombarded by the German squadron disclose an increasing number of victims. At the two Hartlepoons alone the number of dead now officially announced is 82 with 250 wounded. At Scarborough 17 were killed and it is thought the full casualty list has not yet been made out. One British light cruiser and a torpedo boat destroyed which engaged the German lost five men killed and a number wounded. That the German ships went hit several times by the English coast batteries is announced officially at Berlin but it is asserted that the damage was slight.

Austria follows up the German announcement of a victory in Poland by the statement that the Russians are retreating along the whole front in both Gallicia and Poland, and it is said this may mean the withdrawal of the investing forces of Russians from Przemysl. December 18.—The German warship raid on the English coast yesterday

DR. J. R. WILLINGHAM DEAD.

Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Richmond, Va.—Rev. Robert J. Willingham, D.D., general secretary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention and recognized as one of the greatest missionary secretaries in the country, was stricken with apoplexy while on his way to Sunday school here and died two hours later in a hotel to which he was taken. Prior to becoming secretary to the mission board in 1893, Doctor Willingham had served as pastor at churches in Talbotton, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Willingham was born in Beaufort District, South Carolina, in 1854, and was graduated from the University of Georgia, preparing for the ministry at the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters.

Much Hilly Is Shipped. Warsaw, N. C.—The hilly shipments from Eastern North Carolina have ended for this year, with the exception of only a few scattering shipments to be made and although the prices that have been received have not been quite as high as some former years, the season has been a very successful one.

Judging from the best information obtainable, Duplin county leads in this industry. Magnolia is the first town in the county, and possibly in the state, as the eastern section is especially noted for the shipment of this evergreen. Thirty-eight carloads have been shipped from this point, and Rose Hill comes second with 25 cars. It has brought \$150 a car.

Germans Evacuate Dixmude. London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: 'The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the Allies have taken Middelkerke is untrue.'

Kaiser Claims Divine Help. Karlsruhe.—Grand Duchess Louise of Baden has received the following telegram from Emperor William: 'Field Marshal von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian Army, after desperate fighting, retreats and is being pursued along the entire front. It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honors.' Emperor William also thanked the Fourteenth Army Corps, which participated prominently in the fighting on the Russian center.

Soldiers From Tropics Suffer. London.—Troops from the tropics are suffering intensely from the cold in Belgium. This is especially true of the Senegalese. In many cases their toes or feet have been frozen so badly that amputation has been necessary, according to Mrs. Hartly Floyd, chief commissioner of the French wounded emergency fund, who has just returned from the French hospitals. Mrs. Floyd says many hospitals are badly in need of anaesthetics, tetanus serum, surgical instruments and surgeons.

School Teachers Must Be Paid. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of Public Instruction, announced that, with the approval of the Attorney General he has made a ruling that it is the duty of the county boards of education, under Section 4165, to borrow money for the payment of salaries of teachers, if necessary; and he urges that the boards throughout the state take the necessary steps at once to provide for the monthly payment of salaries without discount or loss to the teachers.

Slaughter 20,000 Pounds Pork. This was 'hog-killing day' out at the Central Hospital for Insane here and Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent, reports 20,000 pounds of the nicest sort of meat, with another fine lot of hogs to be killed some time in the new year.

Some Time Before Decision. It is expected that it will be some days yet before United States Attorney General Gregory will definitely indicate to Attorney General Bickett whether or not he will undertake the suit that Mr. Bickett is urging him to bring for the setting aside of the receivership sale and partition of the old Cape Fear & Yadin Valley Railroad in alleged violation of the order of the federal court at the time and of the Sherman anti-trust law. In fact, the plan is for Mr. Bickett to go to Washington for a conference.

Employment For Discharged Soldiers. The United States War Department is seeking to establish in this state, in co-operation with the State Department of Labor and Printing an employment bureau for honorably discharged soldiers. To this end Lieut. C. T. Smart, Ninth Infantry, located at Charlotte, has just had a conference with the Commissioner of Labor and Printing in which the Commissioner assured the army officer that he would co-operate in any way that he could without doing an injustice to North Carolina's regular labor interests.

Opinions of the Supreme Court.

State vs. Ed. C. Craft, et al., New Hanover, no error; State vs. Southern Express Company, Burke, affirmed; Corpening vs. Westall, Burke, new trial; Ridge vs. Norfolk Southern Railway, Randolph, no error; Clark vs. Wright, Lincoln, new trial; Lutz vs. Lincer, Cabarrus, modified and affirmed; Horton vs. Jones, Caldwell, modified and affirmed, costs divided; Land Company vs. Bostic, Rutherford, no error; Carpenter vs. Rutherford, new trial; Hoyte vs. City of Hickory, Catawba, no error; Pierce vs. Eller, Wilkes, reversed; Whitaker vs. Garren, Henderson, new trial; Embler et al vs. Gloucester Lumber Company, Henderson, no error; Padgett vs. McKay, Buncombe, no error; motion for new trial for newly discovered evidence denied; Turner vs. Asheville Power & Light Co., Buncombe, new trial; Reynolds vs. Palmer, Buncombe, no error; Ingle Admr. vs. Southern Railway, Buncombe, no error; A. Dicks vs. Chatham, Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. McDRAW, Sampson, motion of defendant to reinstate denied; Dillard vs. Simmons, Granville, motion for new trial on new evidence allowed; Lancaster vs. Bland, Craven, dismissed under rule 17 and motion to reinstate denied.

North Carolina Crop Report. The crop reporting board of the bureau of crop estimates of the Department of Agriculture says that the cotton crop in North Carolina this year will amount to 950,000 bales against 792,545 last year. The price paid in 1913 in North Carolina was 12.6 against 6.9 this year. This means a total loss of \$17,158,226 to North Carolina cotton growers this year.

New Manager for Yarbrough Hotel. B. H. Griffin, head of the corporation operating the Yarbrough Hotel here, has decided to assume the active management of the hotel himself, following the retirement of J. T. Matthews as manager to engage in the hotel business in Charlotte, and he has made W. H. Plummer assistant manager in active charge.

Attorney General Bickett Has Pork. Attorney General T. W. Bickett said that a letter from his home in Louisville has just brought the news that one of his 'pigs' had been killed and that it tipped the scales at 545 pounds. The attorney general confided this news to his friends with that pleased mien that indicated confidence that this would go far toward establishing his farming interests and capabilities and emphasizing claims to farmer support for his candidacy for governor two years hence.

Limit Age of 13 to Child Labor Law. Recommendations by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman to Governor Craig and the Legislature made public urged a specific age limit prohibiting children under 13 years from working in any kind of factory, or messenger service, or any employment during hours schools are in session; advanced laws governing safety appliances and sanitation; factory inspection as to child labor, work hours, fire escapes and the like; and either repeal our mine inspection law or provide an active inspector.