

## VIRTUALLY HEADS OF ALL NATIONS AT WAR ARE WITH SOLDIERS

London, Dec. 1.—The battle in northern Poland is being fought out under the eyes of the German Emperor on the one side and the Russian Emperor on the other. These two monarchs sit for the first time today on that virtually the heads of all the nations at war, are with their troops.

The King of England is in France, the King of Belgium is in Belgium, and the Emperor of Austria is in Austria, all of them with their soldiers, while President Poincaré of France, started today for another visit to the northern frontiers.

Official news from Petrograd continues exactly with both headquarters claiming success. It is impossible to say how the battle is going. Of its intensity, however, there can be no doubt.

The Germans when they started for Warsaw dashed full tilt into a mass of Russian troops and curved their way so far to the right that the Russians closed on them. This was taken in Petrograd to mean that some of the German divisions had been cut off and that their surrender or annihilation was inevitable.

It appears, however, that fighting for their very lives and in the knowledge that a great defeat would end the German offensive and compel them to fall back on their own frontiers, the German troops broke through the Russian lines at one place and at another are holding their strongholds against all Russian attacks. Their tanks still are being harassed by the Cossacks but seemingly the Russians are not now in a position to gain the sweeping victory they had anticipated.

The losses, with the desperate fighting that has been going on for a fortnight, must necessarily be very heavy on both sides.

Against the Austro-German forces in the south the Russians continue to gain more decisive results. They now hold all Austrian positions protecting the Carpathian passes, and are said to have retaken about of Cramor, while their captures for three weeks number 50,000 men.

In the west, although the German official report says there is nothing to communicate, the French official

statement notes a lively campaign in Belgium and Germany have been moved, or are about to commence, another attempt to get through to the French ports. Certainly there are important changes in the dispositions of the German troops.

The Germans, according to Dutch reports, are strongly fortifying Zeeland and other Belgian ports against a renewal of attacks by the allied fleet. Fighting around Ypres was due to the allies pushing their lines forward.

**FRENCH REPORT SAYS ALLIES HAVE ADVANCED IN ARGONNE**

Paris, Dec. 2.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Belgium the German infantry has advanced without success, a sortie against these troops to the south of Bincheville between Bethune and Lens. After a rather brisk affair we captured the chateau and the park of Vermelles (south of the Lys river).

"In the Argonne we have advanced appreciably in the wood of Lagrurie.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

**REICHSTAG MAY TODAY VOTE BILLION-DOLLAR WAR CREDIT**

Berlin via London, Dec. 2.—The reichstag will meet tomorrow to vote a war credit of \$1,350,000,000. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, conferred today with party leaders, explaining the military and financial situation. He first received socialist leaders.

It is expected the war credit will be adopted unanimously and without debate. The government does not intend to raise the new loan forthwith, and probably will not do so until spring.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg speaking to the reichstag committee, says the military situation on both fronts was wholly favorable, but that he wished to defer further extension until the meeting of the reichstag tomorrow. He said he hoped the reichstag would vote the loan unanimously as this would encourage the troops to the greatest energy.

## CITY'S BEST TALENT WILL TAKE PART

The play to be given in the New Theatre under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy on the evening of December 15, promises to be a great attraction from the fact that Washington's best local talent will take part and, too, from the fact that the Misses Burkhead, of Charlotte, N. C., expects in their play, will direct the production.

The proceeds will go towards helping liquidate the debt for the headstones placed to the graves of the Confederate soldiers in Oakdale cemetery and throughout Beaufort county placed some months ago by the Daughters. The first rehearsal is called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and all those who are to take part are urged to be present. No doubt but what the attraction will be liberally patronized as the cause is more than worthy.

## THE MORTONS AS CITIZENS

W. Z. Morton was born in the City of Washington, N. C., Beaufort county in 1825. He held a commission in the State militia and C. A. A. as lieutenant. He with a few others were the first to give to Washington and Beaufort county free schools, personally supervising the construction of the first public school building in Washington, paying from his own purse part of the salaries of those teachers necessary to keep the school open.

He was a member of the Ocean Fire Company a number of years and served as chief of Fire Department. He was a merchant and farmer, operating what was known as the Morton Farm.

W. H. Morton, son of W. Z. Morton, was born in the city of Washington, N. C., Beaufort county, in 1850.

He was one of the few who contributed to the fund for the maintenance of free schools. He served as a member of Board of City Aldermen. He successfully operated a move by which a new road was opened across Runyan's and Jack's Creeks to benefit patrons out of the east and north side of Pamlico River, and supplied from his own purse the defecency to complete the project and make it a public highway. He has the honor of having his name carved in the slab of the present building of Washington Public Schools, showing him a promoter of education and free schools. He has given his life to a progressive merchant and citizen of Beaufort county.

Chas. L. Morton, son of W. B. Morton, the present candidate for Postmaster, was born in the city of Washington, N. C., Beaufort county, in 1877.

He has assisted the Democratic party on numerous occasions, serving as secretary of the primary of the First Ward, as delegate to county convention, as member of the precinct committee, and is a member of present precinct committee. He has served as a member of Volunteer Toss Company No. 1 in Washington Fire Department for twenty years.

He organized the Naval Militia in Washington, secured the services of the United States Steamship Foots, which spends \$1,000 per month in Beaufort county each month she is here. He is secretary and treasurer of the Beaufort County Good Roads Association.

The records of the County Commissioners and Board of City Aldermen will show he has always represented progressive moves by town or county.

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## GOOD BREAK OF TOBACCO ON TODAY

There was another good tobacco break on the Washington market today, at both the Washington and Beaufort warehouses. Approximately 100 thousand pounds of the golden weed was sold and the average price was between fourteen and fifteen cents. The prices on the local market are becoming better all the while and the farmers bringing their tobacco here return to their homes more than pleased.

The Washington market so far this season has proven to be a success far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine.

## MANY WILL ATTEND

The prospects are that a large number from Washington will witness the football contest between Washington and Raleigh at Goldsboro, N. C., next Friday.

## NEXT DANCE

The Hesper Club will give their next dance at the Elks Home on the evening of December 25. The annual children's dance will take place at the same time.

## IN THE CITY

Misses T. J. Lewis, L. M. Scott, H. C. Hall, W. A. Crabb, Albert Givick and W. J. Howe, of Hout's Creek, N. C., arrived in the city this morning via the Washington and



Annette Kellerman

## GREAT ARTIST APPEARS HERE THIS WEEK

All records have been broken by the "Neptune's Daughter" pictures in which Annette Kellerman is seen, according to the reports from Richmond and other cities in the south. It is likely that the same story will be repeated here when the pictures are shown at the New Theatre. Annette Kellerman is not only the most famous swimmer in the world, but she has a figure which vies with that of the Venus of Milo. As a mermaid and as a mortal transformed from a mermaid she has occasion to display her manifold charms in and out of the water. In some scenes she gives a fair representation of a daughter of Eros, as well as a daughter of Neptune, with her lovely hair as her chief attire. The pictures, however, are so beautiful that they do not call for comparison. Indeed the fairy story told in the films is so wholesome and clean that the most censorious could find no fault with them. It took 3,000 feet of film and cost \$50,000 to produce consequently it is not strange that the picture is hailed as the most gorgeous marine photograph ever shown. And there is only one Annette Kellerman.

## HAS RETURNED

Mr. A. W. Thomas has returned from Edenton and Norfolk where he visited his brothers, Mr. H. W. Bowen, of Edenton, and Mr. Thomas P. Bowen, of Norfolk. She enjoyed her visit immensely.

## VISITORS TODAY

Among the welcome visitors to the city today are J. H. Desnoyers, Mrs. N. C. John Latham and Marshall Leggett, of Wharton, N. C., Fred Van Overbeek, of Chocomaity, N. C.

## WELCOME VISITOR

Mr. J. H. Desnoyers, of Edenton, N. C., arrived in the city this morning via the Washington and

## ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF HER BIRTHDAY

Miss Clara Burgess entertained last evening from 8 to 11 o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Burgess, corner Second and Harvey streets in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

During the evening many selections, both vocal and instrumental, were participated in by the guests.

At 10 o'clock all were invited into the dining room where a sumptuous supper was served.

Miss Burgess received many beautiful presents from her many friends.

A mock marriage was participated in by the following:

Bridegroom, Robert Henderson. Bride, Blanche Allgood. Best man, Johnny Wilkerson. Father, William Respass. Dams of honor, Clara Burgess. Maid of honor, Kathleen Jackson. Bridesmaid, Margaret Traylor. Ringbearer, Lester Mitchell. Flower girl, Helen Henderson.

The wedding march was played by Gladys Allgood.

The invited guests were as follows: Misses Clara Burgess, Mildred Smith, Margaret Traylor, Blanche Allgood, Gladys Allgood, Mary McDevitt, Kathleen Jackson, Mattie O'Neal, Reva Jefferson, Canale Lewis, Louise Henderson, Helen Henderson, and Josephine Burgess.

Messrs. William Respass, Harvey and Charlie Burgess, Robert Henderson, Gerald Mitchell, Aurelius Willis, Willie Freeman, Leslie Mitchell, Milton Harris, Sydney Harris, James McKee, Vernon Allgood, Cortella Warren, Johnny Wilkerson.

At the hour of 11 o'clock the guests left for their homes, voting Miss Burgess a most charming hostess.

## COLLECTION OF FOREIGN AND NATIVE BIRDS

New York, Dec. 2.—The largest collection of foreign and native birds ever brought together is being shown by the Empire Bird Association at its exhibition at the Grand Central Palace. The show opens today and will continue through to Saturday. Among the fine singing canaries are changeable weavers, long tailed whydas and the beautiful little finches. Nearly fifty of the rarities are birds seldom seen here, including large soft bill birds, Chinese mandarin ducks, the red faced mask and schaffal finches and others.

## W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. O. B. Carmalt at her residence on Respass street. Every member of the organization is urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

## The Fund For the Belgians Is Still Increasing

Washington is still responding generously to the appeal for the starving Belgians. Up to today there has been received by the treasurer, Mr. John G. Bragaw, Jr., \$176.41. The following are the contributions received by the treasurer today:

J. P. Jacobs . . . . . \$2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Nixon . . . . . 2.00  
Miss Ethel Nixon . . . . . 1.00  
Miss Elizabeth Nixon . . . . . 1.00

## INDIANS PRESENT PETITION TO MAYOR MITCHELL FOR PEACE

Thirty Peoble Indians, headed by Chief White-Man-Runs, called at the office of Mayor Mitchell, of New York, a few days ago and after asserting that they "looked with horror upon the calamity in which the great nations of Europe are steeped," presented a petition to the mayor imploring him to end to the warring nations of Europe a message pleading that peace be restored.

"We look with shame and horror upon our acts and deeds years ago, but we were crazed then," the petition continued. "It may be a waste of words and our souls may be cramped before it reaches destination, but we want to make our thoughts known and sincerely hope that you will use your official position to restore peace to the world."

## LINE-UP FOR THE LOCALS ON FRIDAY

In all probability the line-up of the Washington High School eleven when they face the strong Raleigh team in Goldsboro next Friday will be as follows:

Center—Joe Wilkinson.  
Left Guard—S. Hathaway.  
Right Guard—R. Hicks.  
Left Tackle—Clay Carter.  
Right Tackle—Josh Taylor.  
Left End—Carmer Cordell.  
Right End—Edward Forbes.  
Half Back—W. Jones (captain).  
Right Half Back—E. Weston (manager).  
Full Back—J. Weston.  
Quarter Back—Ray Warren.  
Substitutes—Chas. Proctor, Jack Meekins, Robert Cole, Jas. McKee.

Efforts are now being made to secure a special train to leave here Friday morning for Goldsboro, returning the same evening after the game.

## CITY COURT WAS MORE THAN LIVELY

Mayor Frank C. Kugler disposed of the following cases at the City Hall this morning.

Reuben Foster, drunk; fined \$2.00 and cost.

Samuel Brown, drunk and disorderly; fined \$3.00 and cost.

Samuel Walker, drunk and disorderly; fined \$5.00 and cost.

G. W. Gurganus, drunk; fined \$5.00 and cost.

## Each Seal Represents A Bullet

A million and a quarter Red Cross Christmas Seals have been sent out to the various committees throughout the State by the State Red Cross Seal Commission. Thanksgiving Day started in earnest the campaign for the sale of Red Cross Seals. These seals have been taken in quantities from five hundred to a hundred and ten thousand by the local committees, five hundred being for small places where there are only a few inhabitants, and the hundred and ten thousand being at Wilmington, where they have an especially active committee. Other places that have taken a hundred thousand are Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Asheville.

Any town has the privilege of ordering more if the quantity sent them is not sufficient. The State commission has seven hundred and fifty thousand more seals to send and is shipping them out every day expecting to place the entire two million within the next week.

Each seal is sold for a penny and each represents a bullet fired in the fight against tuberculosis in North Carolina. Below we give the names of the chairmen of some of the local committees:

Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, Wilmington, N. C.  
Mrs. C. C. Hook, Charlotte, N. C.  
Mrs. Alf. Barnard, Asheville, N. C.  
Mrs. Thos. O'Berry, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Mrs. Geo. W. Stanton, Wilson, N. C.  
Mrs. Jas. B. Tillghast, Fayetteville, N. C.  
Mrs. Harry Abram, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Mrs. Jos. F. Goodman, Concord, N. C.  
Mrs. Chas. B. Wiltaker, Hendersonville, N. C.  
Mrs. H. E. Astin, Greenville, N. C.  
Miss Rachel Runley, Washington, N. C.  
Miss Emma Norment, Lumberton, N. C.

## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS IN SESSION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—The annual convention of the American Institute of Architects will today begin its three days' meeting here. The report of the recent meeting of the Lincoln highway commission will be submitted, with its plans for beautifying the transcontinental road with memorials, bridges and scenic effects, which will probably be adopted at this meeting.

## SUIT TO DISSOLVE THE MOTION PICTURE TRUST

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—The government's suit to dissolve the so-called motion picture trust will be heard here today, tomorrow and Thursday in the United States District Court. The trust is composed of the Motion Picture Patents Company and a number of other concerns.

## SAYS BAKER: AWAY WITH YOUR SILVER AND GOLD AND SHINY MEDALS FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

They don't count in measuring true friendship. Give something that rightly belongs to you. Your photograph carries with it personal feelings and true friendship. No gift is so sacred as just because in a nice finished photograph.

## QUARTET AT NEW THEATER PLEASING

The Southern Comedy Four, a splendid quartet, opened a three-days' engagement at the New Theatre last night to a fair sized house. There has been a great many vaudeville acts here, but there has never been one that has come so near to pleasing every one that attended this theatre, as the one did last night. This act is without doubt one of the best quartets that has ever been seen here. The quartet is composed of the following gentlemen: Harry Woodard, first tenor; Wallace Barnette, second tenor; Ed Landrum, baritone and comedian; Harold Eakin, bass. This act should draw a full house for the next two remaining nights of their engagement.

Tomorrow night the seventh installment of "Ladies Love," the girl of mystery, will be run in the New Theatre.

## FASHION THROUGH CITY

Rev. Charles C. Brothers who was stationed last year on Montgomery street, and who has been visiting his daughters at Swan Quarter, N. C., gave the annual conference of the N. C. church here, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home.

## New Theater

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
With Madame Butterfly  
MRS. MINNIE BILKEMAN

## NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER

At 8 o'clock

## WINDOW BOX IN THE HOME ATTRACTIVE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Many lovers of flowers who have not the time to bother with an indoor window-box, enjoy keeping a number of potted plants in the living room during the winter. Some, in fact, have turned a bay window into a small conservatory or winter garden merely by an attractive arrangement of plants in separate pots. When a window-box is filled, the plants must be of the same general character to be successful, but if one's winter garden is made up of plants in separate pots a greater variety may be kept, as each plant may receive different treatment in the matter of light, watering, soil, etc., and palms, rubber plants, and cacti, which call for special handling, may be added. Begonias, ivy, smilax, and aspidistra, all good plants for indoor culture, demand more or less the same treatment, as was explained in a previous article sent out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, describing the indoor window-box.

Those who do not have gardens would do better to get potting soil of the nearest florist for their potted plants. Good potting soil may be prepared at home, but it usually takes considerable care and forethought. Those willing to take the trouble may prepare it by using one part-compost, one part good loam and one part sand. The compost should be cow manure and god turf rotted together for a year and turned two or three times in the interim. Well decomposed leaf mould would answer as a partial substitute for the compost. One-twentieth part bone meal is a good addition to the mixture. If the loam is very heavy, containing much clay, its proportion should be somewhat diminished. If the amount of sand, or in some localities omit it altogether.

Potted plants should be examined occasionally to see whether or not the plant requires repotting. This is done by holding the hands over the top of the pot, inverting plant and all, tapping the edge of the pot so as to loosen it, then lifting the pot off. This cannot be done unless the soil is moderately moist. If the ball of earth is completely covered with roots, the plant should be put in a slightly larger pot with new potting soil "firmed" about the old ball of earth by "firming" with the fingers. Then wet thoroughly.

A housewife who desires a few potted plants but does not possess the regulation flower pots, may prepare tin cans that will be quite satisfactory. A small hole should be made in the bottom of the can and a piece of broken crockery or a few stones put in the bottom of the can before the earth is added, in order to give the proper drainage. The stones or crockery should be also used in the regular flower pot.

Hanging baskets may be used advantageously to make an indoor winter garden attractive. They should be hung near a light window.

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