

## ALLIES ARE ON THE OFFENSIVE FROM THE COAST TO LABASSE

London, Dec. 18.—The Russians are retreating along the entire front in Galicia and Poland.

This statement, officially issued at Vienna, is the outstanding feature of last night's news from the battlefronts.

While there is no confirmation from other sources, such a move on the part of the Russians would be in line with the announcements in Petrograd dispatches that the Russians, threatened on both flanks, had decided to take up new positions where they could better meet the Austro-German onslaughts from the Carpathians to the East Prussian frontier.

Should the Austro-German armies, as on previous occasions, follow the Russians in Poland, another big battle will soon be in progress, which may decide whether the Germans are to get to Warsaw or whether the Russians are again to threaten an invasion of Germany.

The Russian delay in fulfilling expectations that they would prove a serious menace to German territory is disappointing the peoples of the allied countries, but military men express the view that it is better for Russia to fight in her own territory, where means of communications would be more on an equality.

The German and French official communications do not disclose much

of what is going on in the west, but it is apparent the allies are still on the offensive from the coast to Labasse and other points. While no marked advances are reported, the French claim progress and to have organized the ground they gained during the preceding days. The Germans, on the other hand, assert that the allies' attacks have been repulsed.

From the number of wounded reaching the hospitals of both the Germans and the allies, it is evident that the fighting in Flanders today was more severe than shown in the official statements. Correspondents report that the hospitals again are filling, while along the Dutch border continuous firing can be heard.

The long expected proclamation bringing an end to Turkish suzerainty over Egypt and the establishment of a British protectorate was officially issued last night. The last straw doubtless was the action of the Khedive, who was the Sultan's representative in Egypt, but with little or no power, in taking sides with Turkey against Great Britain.

Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur Henry McMahon, who has been appointed high commissioner, although a soldier by profession, has had long and varied experience as a political officer in India and other parts of the east. He has been foreign secretary in India since 1911.

## C. T. BUCKMAN DIED AT HIS HOME 3 A. M.

Another one of Washington's popular and highly esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. Charles Thomas Buckman, passed peacefully away at his home on North Market street this morning at three o'clock.

Mr. Buckman had been confined to his bed for the past two weeks, and while everything that the skill of his physician could suggest was done, he passed out to answer the summons from on High.

Mr. Buckman was born in Washington on March 5th, 1852, and at the time of his death was sixty-two years of age. He spent his entire life in this city as a resident, excepting four years when he, with his parents, resided in Thomasville, N. C., during the Civil War. He was a man of magnetic disposition and had the faculty of forming strong true friends. He was true to every trust committed unto him; what he did he did well. There was nothing mercenary in his make-up. As a husband and father he was devoted and true, as a citizen loyal. His going is deplored all over the city.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, taking an active part in church work especially at the Payne Memorial church, Nicholsonville. This church was first organized at his home and up to the time of his death there was no more active worker among this congregation.

He was also a member in good standing of the Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, Knight of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum. As in church work so in lodge work he was active and steadfast.

He leaves a widow and three children, two girls and one boy, two brothers, Mr. George E. Buckman, of this city, and Mr. W. D. Buckman, of Boise, Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Barr, of this city, to mourn their loss.

Since 1893 Mr. Buckman has been engaged in the mercantile business on North Market street. From 1897 to 1898 he was assistant postmaster. The sympathy of the community goes out to those bereft. May the same hand that has wounded be the same to succor and comfort.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the residence and will be conducted by the Rev. H. B. Searight.

The following will act as pallbearers: D. E. Jackson, J. H. Wallace, W. H. McDevitt, C. G. Morris, H. T. Stewart, T. H. Davis.

The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION ADJOURNS

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The fifth American Good Roads Congress, which has been in joint session with the American Road Builders' Association, will adjourn this evening.

Many prominent speakers and men interested in the good roads were present at the meeting just closed.

## TWO NEGROES GET RESPIRE PENDING APPEAL

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—The sentences of Lon Carter and Sid Jones, two negroes convicted of charges of murder, who were sentenced to be hanged today, received suspension sentence pending appeal. Former accused of murdering his wife, and the latter of murdering a fellow convict.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT WILL CLOSE TODAY

Pinehurst, Dec. 18.—The first tennis tournament this winter, which brought together many noted players, closed today. Many of the notable present left for New York for the preliminaries to the annual meeting.

## SIX MORE DAYS

There are only six more shopping days between now and Christmas. The shoppers should not wait until the very last to make their purchases, but do so at once.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Washington Public Schools closed today for a period of two weeks.

## THINK OF US WHEN YOU NEED

C. S. Mehl, Hulls, Corn Meal, Hominy and Hay. We have the goods and the price. J. E. Adams. 12-17-t.f.c.

## ATTRACTION LAST NIGHT A SUCCESS

"The Girl Who Dared," under the direction of the Misses Burkhlmer, of Charlotte, N. C., and presented at the New Theatre last evening under the auspices of Hamlet Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was a decided hit. It proved to be one of the very best attractions given in Washington by local talent.

The music was a conspicuous feature throughout the performance and every member of the cast did excellently. This can be said of the little tots as well as the grown-ups. The chorus, "I'm Going Crazy," by Mr. Ben Taylor and the Hobbie Girls, was immense. All the musical numbers were bright and catchy. The Gaiety Girls, Misses Ida Tucker and Mary Baughman, brought down the house. The cast consisted of a large number of young ladies and gentlemen, so space forbids the Daily News from mentioning each and every one. Washington's home talent was never better displayed than in "The Girl Who Dared," and congratulations are in order for the directors and too the Daughters of the Confederacy. The proceeds of the performance will go towards liquidating the debt for the placing of the headstones to the graves of Confederate soldiers in Oakdale Cemetery and throughout Beaufort county.

While the audience was not as large as was expected, it was creditable, the result being that a nice sum was realized. All present thoroughly enjoyed the production and exhibited their appreciation by hearty applause. Those of the citizens who were absent missed a rare treat.

The Hotel Maids, the Bathing Girls and the dance by Miss Elizabeth Hill and Mr. Washburn, of New Bern, added much to the success of the performance.

Mr. Ben Taylor, as the Duke; J. W. Smith, as reporter Isaac Hughes, as the ardent lover; Hugh Phelps, as the valet; Miss Carlotta Nicholson, as a title seeking mother; Miss Carroll, the heiress, and Miss Helen Dailey as a street singer, could not be improved upon.

The Misses Burkhlmer were simply superb, both in acting and singing. They were par excellence in every line spoken and in every note sung.

Mr. Fred Moore, Master George Studdert, Miss Fannie Lamb Haughton, Miss Beas Connelly, added much to the attraction.

The capable pianist was Mr. David Bell.

## EN ROUTE TO HOME.

Mr. W. A. Thompson, of Aurora, N. C., arrived in the city this morning from Kinston, N. C., en route to his home. He has been in Kinston attending a meeting of the board of directors of the Feeble-Minded School and also attending the Lenoir County Superior Court.

## TO MOVE OFFICES.

Mr. Harry McMullan, attorney-at-law, will move his law office January 1 to the second floor of the Laughinghouse building, corner of Second and Market streets. He will have a suite of rooms in the building.

## FINEST, CHEAPEST LINE FRUITS.

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## EXERCISES TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY

The Christmas service of St. Peter's Sunday school will take place on next Sunday afternoon, December 20th, at four o'clock.

There will be attractive music by a large choir of children and an address.

A feature of the service will be the collection taken for the orphans at the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte.

The children of the Sunday school are to bring gifts consisting of toys, clothing or anything which would be of use to these homeless children, while the grown-ups will contribute money.

The superintendent wishes to remind the teachers and parents of the Sunday school of the offering and wishes to invite the general public to attend this service.

## City School Exercises Are Pleasing

Those attending the Christmas exercises of the Washington Public Schools this morning were simply charmed and carried away with the program from the Kindergarten department up to 4th-higher-grades. No similar exercises has been more thoroughly enjoyed. In tomorrow's issue the intention is to give an account of the exercises more in detail as they are more than deserving. The Daily News wishes every pupil a happy and joyous Christmas holiday which will be for a period of two weeks. Quite a number of the teachers will leave tomorrow for their respective homes to spend the Yuletide season.

## U. D. C. TO MEET.

Hamlet Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, are called to meet tomorrow afternoon in the rooms of the Public Library at 4 o'clock. All those members who have not paid their dues are requested to bring them to this meeting. A full attendance is desired.

## WILL SPEND WINTER.

Mr. Eugent Lewis, son of Mr. F. E. Lewis, is expected tomorrow to spend the winter here. He is one of the engineers on the steamship Northland, which runs from New York to Portland, Maine.

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## Potato Crop of the State Largest in United States

(By S. R. Winters.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 18.—The County Life Commission is authority for the statement that the civilization of a State or nation rests on the bottom of the whole, as well as the attractiveness of life in the country. Country-side life in North Carolina bids big. Country-dwellers outnumber townspeople more than six to one; five-sixths of the school children of the State are country children; four-fifths of the church members of North Carolina are rural dwellers, and the number of bread-winners and wage-earners engaged in farming out-number two to one all other toilers engaged in other occupations. These basic facts relative to North Carolina life unfold a large background for educational stimulation and the dispensation of knowledge from the State's head center of learning to the homes and farms in the country-side communities. Toward the fulfillment of this educational task the bureau of extension of the University is directing its chief resources in the make-up of its program of the 1914-'15 extension lectures series. The subjects selected for discussion by members of the faculty largely concern the development of country-side life and the enlightenment of the rural dweller. Below are given the lecturers and subjects on the lectureship program—the primary aim of the discussion of these topics being to comprehend the "wholesomeness, the attractiveness, the completeness, and the prosperity of life in the country."

The Progressive (a popular lecture on community spirit), by President

E. K. Graham; Come, Let Us Live With Our Children, by Prof. E. C. Branson; School Sanitation and Medical Inspection, by Dr. J. B. ...; The Backward Defective ...; Relation to Soils, Drainage and Crops, by Prof. Collier Cobb; Plant Breeding and Its Relation to the Improvement of Farm Crops, by Dr. W. C. Coker; Electric Light and Power in the Home, by Prof. F. H. Daggett; The Locality as a Field for Historical Investigation, by Dr. J. G. deR. Hamilton. Problems of Highway Location, Construction and Maintenance, by Prof. T. F. Hicker-

son; What's the Matter with the Country Schools? by Prof. Z. V. Judd; Public Schools and Public Taxes, by Prof. Marcus Cicero Stephens Noble; Co-Operative Marketing of Farm Products, by Dr. C. L. Raper; The Farmer's Part in Highway Improvement, by Dean Marvin H. Stacy; The School and the Community, by Prof. N. W. Walker; The Farm-Life School—Its Place in the Community, by Prof. L. A. Williams; Books for the Farm and How to Get Them, by Dr. L. R. Wilson; The Origin and Prevention of Epidemics of Typhoid Fever, by Dr. W. B. MacNair.

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## WILL REPEAT SHOW HERE IT IS SAID

"The Girl Who Dared" is going to be re-produced in Washington. This will be welcome news to the many who missed the performance last night, as nothing but the very highest encomium are being heard on the streets today. When the show will be repeated has not as yet been definitely decided upon, but in all probability it will occur sometime during the holidays. The prices for the reproduction will be greatly reduced and this announcement within itself should assure a crowded house. The attraction is well worthy the patronage of every citizen.

A WARNING.

This paper understands that for the past several nights between midnight and day a colored man takes occasion to ring the door-bell of residences or knocks vigorously on the door. He arouses the occupants and always inquires where such and such a street is located. So far the male while there is no confirmation swears his summons, but it looks as if he is endeavoring to locate a home in the city where only women reside.

It is suggested that he might be taught something better.

## A REAL LIVE SANTA CLAUS IN THE CITY

James E. Clark's show window is quite an attraction for the little tots and to the grown-ups, due to the fact they behold a real live Santa Claus. The character is excellently impersonated and affords much amusement to pedestrians. All day yesterday people of all classes and ages did not fail to loiter in front of the window and look at old Santa.

MUSICIANS CELEBRATE MACDOWELL DAY

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The Kentucky MacDowell Society will tonight commemorate the birthday anniversary of Edward MacDowell, the famous musician and song writer, by giving an evening devoted to his compositions and life. Beautiful stereopticon views from the MacDowell settlement at Peterborough, N. H., have been furnished by the musician's widow from her private collection, showing the environment in which the favorite compositions were written.

## VISITORS TODAY.

Among the visitors to the city today are Captain John D. Bullock, of Leechville, and Mr. H. R. Way, of Bolhaven, N. C.

## Interesting Items From Island of Ocracoke, N. C.

(Special to Daily News.)

Ocracoke, N. C., Dec. 18.—Tuesday night, the 14th, Mr. Charley McWilliams and Miss Hilda Tolson were married at the Southern Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Ippock. Ocracoke society has expectantly been looking forward to the union of this most popular couple.

The groom is a member of the J. W. McWilliams firm, and is one of our most enterprising and esteemed citizens. The bride, a daughter of Mr. Daniel Tolson, is a lady possessing all the qualities that endears her to a large circle of devoted friends, and is noted for her beauty and lovable amiability.

A large English steamship, name unknown here, went ashore in the early Sunday night near the Hatteras Inlet Life Saving Station. The entire crew were safely landed and are being well cared for by Capt. Barnett of the Life Saving Station.

The steamer was loaded with iron ore and bound from Cuba to Baltimore. She is reported to have ten feet of water in her hold, while a revenue cutter and tug are standing by to render needed assistance when it can be given.

It has been blowing hard ever since she went ashore, and it is not now known that she can be gotten off.

A club of Northern sportsmen built a large club house at the Wells, twelve miles north of here, this fall. They burnt the kitchen, where one of the workmen from Hatteras slept and had a light case of small-pox, in order to get rid of its germs. There has been an epidemic of this disease at Hatteras, Frisco and The Cape this winter, said to have been brought from Manteo by parties attending the fall term of court there.

Rev. Beach and party will be here soon after Christmas.

## SPECIALS Until Christmas

Four N. C. Print Books, per lb. 35c  
Artistic Coffee, per lb. 15c  
Cotton Pure Coffee, per lb. 15c  
Fulton's Club Coffee, worth 80c per lb. 85c  
New Corned Hams, per lb. 15c  
Armour's Star Hams, per lb. 15c  
Borden's E. Milk, per can 15c

## MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS:

100 Bags, Worth \$1.50, each 50c  
Men's Rubber Overshoes, worth 75c per pair 55c  
Boy's Rubber Overshoes, worth 50c per pair 50c  
Women's Rubber Overshoes, worth 60c per pair 45c  
Misses' Rubber Overshoes, worth 55c per pair 40c  
Many other things too numerous to mention. AT VERY LOW PRICES.

Here is where you get same goods for less money. Or more goods for same money. Come in and take a look.

J. E. ADAMS  
Phone 97 Washington, N. C.

## GUARANTORS WILL MEET SAT. NIGHT

There will be a special meeting of the Chautauqua Guarantors in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the Baughman building, west Main street tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. It is to be hoped that all the guarantors will be present on time as matters of vital importance are to be taken up and discussed. This is the third time that a meeting of the Guarantors have been called but so far not enough of them have been present to transact the business. If all the members will be present on time the business can be transacted within fifteen minutes. Every guarantor is urged to be present.

## IS INDISPOSED.

The many friends of Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw will regret to learn of her indisposition. She is wished a speedy recovery by the entire city.

## FROM CHINA IN ONE CARGO

New York, Dec. 18.—The steamer Brodmouth, formerly employed in the mutton traffic between Australia and England, but later taken by English speculators is due today with 7,430,000 pounds of frozen eggs. The eggs which are packed in 10, 20, 30 and 50 pound cans and worth 20 cents a pound are valued at \$1,495,080 and are equal to 6,600,000 dozen eggs in the shell. The shipment is from Hong Kong and on the way the Brodmouth left 1,320,000 pounds at San Francisco. The cargo has been kept below freezing point.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY.

A lady was overheard to say that this year Xmas shopping had been made a pleasure and easy because of the elaborate and magnificent display of hundreds of useful and practical gifts for man, woman or child at J. K. Hoyt's store. A visit there will convince. From every nook and corner gift suggestions wink at you. There is the handsome display of handkerchiefs, the plain hemstitched, the dainty embroidered and the initial ones in all grades. The pretty neckwear, the fancy linens, kid gloves, handsome silk waist and many other things so dear to woman.

## THE SECOND NAVAL BATTALION REVIEW

Brooklyn, Dec. 18.—The second naval battalion review will be held this evening at Bay Ridge with Commodore R. A. Smith of the Larchmont Yacht Club and commission of docks as reviewing officer. This is the chief function of the Bay Ridge Naval Militiamen each year and this year's events promise to be more than usually brilliant and interesting because of the war in Europe and agitation in this country for a greater defense.

## MIGHTY GOOD CANDY AND Fancy Raisins, Figs, etc., at J. E. Adams'.

12-17-t.f.c.

## FIVE REELS NEW THEATER ON TONIGHT

The performance at the New Theatre tonight promises to be more than attractive, due to the fact that another installment of the famous picture, Lucille Love, will be on the screen. There will be two reels of this picture and the management announces there will be three other reels of interesting movies. Being five reels altogether, no doubt but what there will be a large attendance.

For the past several weeks the New Theatre management has been affording the patrons an opportunity to see Lucille Love. From the very beginning it proved to be attractive and interesting and each week since the first installment interest has enhanced.

For after supper pleasure-seekers the New Theatre is proving to be a piece and rightly so, for no playhouse in Eastern Carolina is doing more to give value received.

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