

## BATTLES BEING FOUGHT AMID SNOWS AND TOO THE BITTEREST WEATHER

London, Dec. 22.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between the Russians and the German and Austrian allies amid deep snow in a bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans and the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the mud fields foot by foot.

No news of any decisive gain came from either area today. The Russian and German claims continue directly contradictory.

The Germans in Poland again are making a force attack toward the capital and the Russians are opposing them on the east bank of the Bzura river, 50 miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds natural strategic line for 70 miles long, running roughly north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka rivers.

The Petrograd official report claims that the German force in North Poland has retreated across the boundary into East Prussia in a westerly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance through the Carpathian passes to the north has been checked and attacks of the Przemysl garrison to break through the lines have been repulsed. According to this report the Austrians have been driven into the fortifications with heavy slaughter.

Austrian communication claims successes in the Carpathians but admit that the Russians again occupy Galicia and South Poland in force. Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemysl investments are proceeding and have not been broken.

Serious fighting between the Russians and Turks around Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, has been stopped by a six-foot snowfall and intense cold, from which the Arabs are suffering bitterly.

Berlin publishes what purports to be an order issued by Gen. Joffre, commander in chief of allied forces in the west dated December 17, exhorting the soldiers and telling them the hour has come to "clear the invader from France."

A late Paris official bulletin describes small gains all along the line, particularly in the center between the Argonne and the Meuse. British ships again have been bombarding Zeebrugge and Ostend, as well as the coast beyond Ostend, where the Germans have established many shore batteries.

Political development in Hungary, where people are reported to be deeply discontented because they think that Germany and Austria are failing to give Hungary a fair share of protection are the subject of much speculation and deep interest in England.

## COURT ONLY HELD FOR A SHORT TIME

His Honor Judge Frank Carter of Asheville, N. C., opened the December term of Beaufort County Superior Court at the Courthouse yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and adjourned the same for the term after being in session for about an hour and a half. The only business transacted was the signing of a few orders.

At the last session of the Board of County Commissioners the local bar requested that no jury be drawn inasmuch as the term would conflict with Christmas and be a hardship upon litigants, jurors and the attorneys. The Commissioners acquiesced in the request so that the court was only held for a short while. Judge Carter left for his home in Asheville this morning.

The next term of court will convene on Monday, February 15, 1915.

## YOU CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS HAVE GOT TO HUSTLE NOW.

You've got to hustle—yes you have—because just two days is a mighty short time in which to complete the Xmas shopping. And while it is too late to shop early in the season, you can shop early in the day. Go to J. K. Hoyt's store and share in his especially organized Christmas Shopping Service, which makes gift buying a pleasure. Quantities of merchandise suitable for gifts are displayed. Silk Shirt Waists, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Towels, Handkerchiefs, and scores of other useful and practical gifts.

## TO SPEND XMAS.

Miss Lillian Woodard of the Internal Revenue Department, Raleigh, N. C., and Seaman T. G. Woodard, of the U. S. Battleship South Carolina, are home to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodard.

## HERE YESTERDAY.

Col. W. B. Rodman, General Solicitor of the Norfolk Southern Railway was in the city yesterday en route to his home in Norfolk. He has been down to his farm.

## XMAS DANCE BY THE CLUB DECEMBER 28

The Christmas dance by the Halcyon Club will be given in the Elks Home on Monday evening, December 28th. Before the regular program takes place the club will give their annual Christmas dance to the children. This annual social function is always looked forward to with much pleasure by both the juveniles as well as the grown-ups and this season is proving to be no exception.

The hall will be attractively decorated for the occasion and the music will be furnished by the Forbes Orchestra. Quite a number of visiting young ladies and gentlemen will no doubt be present.

## IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. George Fortis was carried to the Washington Hospital last evening where he underwent an operation last night. The reports from his bedside today are very encouraging. Mr. Fortis is engaged in the meat and beef business in the City Market and has a wide circle of friends.

## BANKS WILL BE CLOSED.

The undersigned banks will be closed Friday, December 25th and Saturday, December 26th, 1914. Papers maturing on these dates will be payable on the following Monday. The banks will be open Thursday night, December 24th, 7 to 9, for convenience of customers.

BANK OF WASHINGTON, SAVINGS & TRUST CO., FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

## "SOUTHERN BEAUTIES"



## New Theatre Attraction For The Present Week

The Southern Beauties Musical Comedy Company, which opened the New Theatre last night scored the biggest hit of any company that has ever been here of its kind. From the rise of the curtain on the fall the large audience present was simply delighted with the class of entertainment that was produced. "The Widow Green" was presented last night, and it was the "clearest little show that has been presented here. The play was full of good comedy, and the songs were all new and catchy. Tonight this troupe will present "Up in a Ferris Wheel," a funny musical farce comedy.

Jack Temple goes out for a night, and is caught in a ferris wheel and

could not get down until morning, and a jealous wife, a friend and butler, and thereby hangs the tale that is played well by the Southern Beauties. A play with plenty of musical interruptions, pretty girls and pretty costumes. This company will give an entire change of program every night. There will be a matinee Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p. m., except on Thursday when the matinee will be at 2 p. m. In order to give the out of town visitors a chance to witness the performance. Tonight the first installment of "The Toy O' Hearts" will be shown at this play house.

This photoplay promises to draw a greater crowd than the "Ladlie Love" pictures have.

## Tob. Market to Re-Open January 5

The Washington and Beaufort Tobacco Warehouses and the steam wharf closed down Friday last for the holidays. Practically all the buyers and employes have gone to their respective homes to spend Christmas. The tobacco market will re-open on Tuesday January 5. The market here this season has been in every way successful and the farmers have been more than gratified at the prices they have received so far for their product. Prospects still look bright for this market to the very end of the season.

## PROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congressman John H. Small and Mr. J. F. Taylor, secretary of the Senate Finance Committee are home to spend the holidays with their families.

## Red Cross Stamp Sale is Pleasing

Mrs. H. W. Carter reports today the collection of \$2.30 for the sale of Red Cross stamps from a part of East Second street. This is a fine record and goes to show again that Washington citizens are always ready and anxious to help and aid in any worthy cause.

While the mail is going out don't forget to put a Red Cross seal on. Every penny invested in this great cause means so much towards helping a disease which is sapping America of its manhood and womanhood.

## XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas entertainment either Tuesday or Wednesday night of next week. It will be given in the armory if that building can be secured.

## VISITOR TO HIS PARENTS IS ROBBED

Last Saturday night Mr. O. B. Smith of Dunn, N. C., arrived in the city for the purpose of spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith at Chocowinity. Meeting up with some of his friends, who offered to carry him to his home, he went with them to the Southern Express Company "Booze" depot for a package. On entering the office Mr. Smith set his dress suit case on the floor and went to the counter with his friends for the purpose of ascertaining if the package they desired had arrived. When Mr. Smith started to leave the depot, he and his friends saw a man sneaking into the door he saw a negro packing and down Union alley. He gave chase but the thief was too far ahead to be overtaken. The suit case was found a little while afterwards but it was minus of a \$20.00 suit of clothes, much-prized underwear, a pair of shoes, etc. There is no clue as to the guilty party.

Moral—Hold on to what you have with a firm grip these Christmas times. A stitch in time saves nine.

## GIFTS THAT WOMEN WILL APPRECIATE.

Let this prove to be prompt aid to the perplexed holiday shopper, whose "gift" list has not yet been completed. Let J. K. Hoyt's store with its hundreds of things suitable for presents prove anew its usefulness in the rush days before Christmas, for there are but three more shopping days left. Take advantage of the great quantities of merchandise of a holiday nature displayed at Hoyt's for your convenience, the greatest and best assortment of gift articles he's ever shown. Kid Gloves and Handkerchiefs, Kimonos, Boudier Slippers and Caps, Scarfs, Fancy Ribbons, Weather Fans in evening shades, Baskets, Novelties and hosts of things.

## OLD SOLDIER GREETED BY HIS COMRADES

Mr. Peter McWilliams, who is one of the inmates at the Soldier's Home Raleigh, N. C., has been in the city for the past two days greeting his many old friends.

Mr. McWilliams was one of the original members of the "Washington Grays" a company organized here during the Civil war. He was a brave soldier and saw service all during the war.

Mr. McWilliams has gone to Aurora, N. C., where he will spend the holidays with his son, Deputy Sheriff W. J. McWilliams. His comrades in arms in this city were delighted to see him.

## GUEST OF MRS. E. L. ROPER

Mrs. Ellen Jones, Mrs. Clifton Williams and Miss Edna Burrus of Lake Landing, are the guests of Mrs. E. L. Roper on East Second street.

## ATTENDED MEETING

Rev. H. B. Bearight, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Elder C. M. Brown went to Tarboro yesterday where they attended a very important meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the Albemarle Presbytery. They returned home last evening. Mr. Brown was accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Brown, who spent the day with her aunt, Mrs. James Wiggins.

## REWARD OFFERED.

Twenty-five Dollars will be paid for evidence sufficient to arrest and convict the person or persons who stole a lot of Bard Plymouth Rock Chickens from my Babes farm on the night of the 21st of this month. J. HAYNES.

## NO PROTEST YET HEARD, IN THE CITY

The Fayetteville Board of Underwriters is opposed to the recent general rules of the Southeastern Underwriters Association, one of them increasing the rate for term risks and making reductions under certain conditions in the rates for dwellings and barns in both cities and country and the other reducing the rates under certain conditions of other than the above mentioned dwellings and barns in both city and country. It is claimed that the new rules virtually neutralize each other.

The same rates have been put in to effect in Washington but as yet no word of protest has been heard from the local board which is composed of the fire insurance agents of the city.

## MEETING FOR GOOD ROADS, SUGGESTED

To the Citizens of Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships:

There appears to be a great deal of sentiment favoring a change in the present road law for the three townships named and it has been suggested that a meeting be called to be held in the Courthouse in Washington at 11 o'clock a. m., January 2, 1915. I will meet with the people at the time and place suggested and hope the taxpayers of the three townships will discuss this among themselves and all be present on this occasion and work but a plan which will build good roads throughout the district.

Please bear in mind that there is nothing compelling any one to attend this meeting but those who are not present have no right to criticize what is done should it not meet with their approval.

Every one interested in good roads should be present at this meeting.

Very respectfully,  
JAS. L. MAYO.

## Stores of The City Now Attractive

This is Christmas week and the different stores of the city are growing with attractions and being filled daily with shoppers. At no yuletide season, notwithstanding the close times, has the merchants been more liberally patronized.

It looks as if this season will be a record breaker in Washington. No town in Eastern Carolina has more attractive Christmas bargains. It will pay any would-be purchaser to visit the different stores and see for themselves for seeing is believing.

## GONE HOME.

Misses Elsie Dillon and Gena Robertson of Greensboro, N. C., left for their homes this morning after spending the week-end with Miss Maude Hodges.

## PLENTY OF GOLD COIN

And bright new crisp \$1 and \$2 bills for Christmas. The Savings and Trust Company takes great pleasure in providing a supply for its friends. 12-21-tfe.

## New Theater

Entire Week of Xmas "SOUTHERN BEAUTIES" in "UP IN A FERRIS WHEEL" A Scorching Comedy and First Installment of "TREY O' HEARTS" A Great Serial Photoplay. Prices 10 and 20 Cents.

## WARNINGS TO BE HEEDED IN THE HOME

DO NOT decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

DO NOT use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fibre.

DO NOT permit children to light or relight the candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.

DO NOT LEAVE MATCHES within reach of children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted, and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

DO NOT allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when needles have become dry. A large number of fires usually occur in January from this cause. A house of mourning is better than a house of mourning.

## ALL CITIZENS OUGHT TO BE AT MEETING

To the Taxpayers of Richland Town ship:

It has been suggested and petitioned that I call a meeting of the taxpayers to be held at Aurora on December 31st at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of discussing the road law.

I am without authority to call any such meeting but I will be present at Aurora on the date named and hope all of the citizens of the township will be present.

Tell your friends and neighbors about this meeting; let's get together and enact a road law which will build good roads.

There is nothing compelling any person to be present at the meeting but all who are interested in good roads should attend and if you do not, don't criticize what is done should it not meet with your approval.

Very respectfully,  
JAS. L. MAYO.

## SPENDING HOLIDAYS.

Miss Maude Hodges, who is a member of the Columbia Graded School faculty, Columbia, N. C., is at home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hodges.

## SPECIALS Until Christmas

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| Espe N. C. Patent Butter, per lb.       | 25c |
| Arbuckle's Coffee, per lb.              | 18c |
| Canton Pure Coffee, per lb.             | 18c |
| Fulton's Club Coffee, worth 50c per lb. | 35c |
| New Corned Beans, per lb.               | 18c |
| Armour's Star Ham, per lb.              | 19c |
| Borden's B. Milk, per can               | 18c |

## MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS:

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| 100 Rags, Worth \$1.50, each                 | 50c |
| Men's Rubber Overshoes, worth 75c per pair   | 55c |
| Boy's Rubber Overshoes, worth 50c per pair   | 30c |
| 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. Have in where you get same goods for less money. Or more goods for same money. Come in and take a look.

## J. E. ADAMS

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## THE LAST 4 DAYS

There are only four days in which to do your Holiday Shopping. Call in and see our line of

## HUYLERS CANDIES

Cigars, Pipes and Tobacco. Fancy Box Stationery, Manicure Sets, Parisian Ivory Sets, Perfumery and Toilet Waters of all kinds. Our prices are in keeping with the times.

## Davenport's Pharmacy.

## OWN YOUR HOME!

The Home Building and Loan Association will open a new series Saturday January 2nd

It is the safest and easiest way to pay for a home in small weekly installment—or to accumulate a fund, for a rainy day, or for Christmas.

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