

## NORTH CAROLINA NAVAL MILITIA IS ATTACKED

### Washington Correspondent of News and Observer Shows Them up in a False Light—Protests to be Made to the Secretary of the Navy—Commander Bradham Talks.

Feeling that they have been unjustly treated, that a report that is false in its meaning and which will do them incalculable damage has been circulated and denying the assertions in every detail, the officers and men of the North Carolina Naval Militia are preparing to send a written protest to Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels against an article appearing in Friday's News and Observer and which emanated from the fertile brain of W. E. Yelverton, the Washington representative of that paper.

"Shipped Up" Militia. The report in question "rips up" the North Carolina Naval Militia for inability to do their duties while on board of the U. S. S. Rhode Island during a cruise made during the summer months. The report in question is from extracts of a report made by Capt. C. B. Williams, commander of the Rhode Island, but only in part is it given and the full report shows that North Carolina men made the BEST RECORD of any of the eight divisions on board.

Capt. C. D. Bradham, commander of the North Carolina Naval Militia, gave out an interview last night which throws a different light on the subject. In the first place Capt. Bradham declares that there were entirely too many men on board of the Rhode Island, there being 11 hundred when there should have been only eight hundred and that it was impossible at times to find men. At times, he said, they were as thick as flies and there was no water to drink, were not supplied with proper sleeping quarters and that the North Carolina division got the worst end of all of the many hardships, yet they made the best record of any of the other divisions.

In his report on the cruise and in references to the North Carolina Division Capt. Williams said: "This organization displayed great interest in gunnery and made the best work on target practice. The commanding officer is able and energetic. The gunnery officer is a retired officer of the Navy and is highly efficient."

Commander Bradham says that Capt. Williams on several occasions spoke to him in very complimentary terms of his division. He admits that the men were not thoroughly familiar with the work on a battleship but it must be remembered that this was the first time that some of them had ever seen a battleship. "Mr. Yelverton in his article, said that the North Carolina men looked on the cruise more as a pleasure trip, said Mr.

Bradham. "As a matter of fact the North Carolina division did more work on the Rhode Island than any other division. The main thing that we went on board of the Rhode Island for was the target practice and in this we excelled over every other division and it is natural that both the officers and men feel that they have been placed in a light which is most unfair and one which must be corrected."

In his report of the cruise, Capt. W. R. Van Anken, one of the ranking officers on board of the ship, says of the North Carolina Division: "The officers and men had a fighting spirit. The majority are accustomed to rifle shooting, and their training brought them to a high degree of shooting efficiency. Added to this their fire control officer and spotter, Ensign Vanderhoof, United States Navy, retired, is an officer of experience and splendid judgment. He arranged his system and drilled occasionally at fire control and target practice apparatus. The combined work of North Carolina in all phases of preparation for and during this cruise was most excellent and reflects great credit upon Ensign Vanderhoof as an ordnance officer."

Capt. Van Anken is one of the most thoroughly efficient men in the Navy and the North Carolina men do not believe that he would have reported aught but his true conditions in this matter.

The members of the North Carolina Division, as a matter of fact had a "kick" coming on their treatment on board of the Rhode Island but until the time the report appeared in the News and Observer they had not intended to make it public. The men claim that they were not in any way treated with consideration, that they were looked upon by the members of the other divisions as a lot of greenhorns and that they put up with all manner of hardships and slur from the men of the divisions from other states.

Prize Captain Williams. All of them, however, speak in the highest terms of Capt. Williams and praise his ability and they are laying the blame of the adverse report and its unfair meaning at the door of Mr. Yelverton and in their protest to Secretary Daniels they will ask that he make "retribution."

According to statement made by members of the division they intend to "see this matter to the bottom" and to get out the cause of the action of the correspondent who is responsible for the article appearing in the News and Observer.

resign than to be forced to testify in graft investigations.

### RAILROAD NOTES.

The Michigan Central will employ girl waiters in dining cars making short runs.

Since the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway considerable shipping activity has developed in western Alberta.

In accordance with the general policy of retrenchment being practiced by railroads all over the country, the western carriers have eliminated the illuminated signs on the back of passenger trains.

### MEETING CHANGED.

On account of the absence of the president, Mrs. Lida T. Bodman, the O. Henry Book Club will meet on Friday afternoon instead of Thursday, with Mrs. A. B. MacLenn, at her residence in West Main street.

SHIRTS FROM BUREAU 600 values will sell for 50c each at J. K. Hoyt's After Inventory Sale beginning tomorrow, January 13th.

## QUIET SESSION OF ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY

Little work was done by the General Assembly yesterday both branches being in session but a short while.

Senator Frank Thompson, of the seventh district, who was not present on the opening day appeared and took the oath of office. His seat is No. 55.

A bill was introduced in the Senate that will be of interest to the Baptist denomination in the State, increasing the holding capacity of Wake Forest College to five million dollars. This bill will enable the trustees of that institution to accept any gifts offered them beyond the present capacity.

A joint resolution was offered by Mr. Ward for the purchase for the use of the members of the General Assembly of copies of Pelt's Reptile and another bill provides for a recorder's court for Avery, the "baby" county.

In the House, Speaker Wooten announced a number of committees there being on education, companies, cities and towns, corporation commission, expenditures of the House, courts and judicial districts, federal relations, election laws, health, corporations and the Journal.

Chairmen on Committees. Mr. Douglas of Wake, is chairman of the committee on corporations; Dr. Cepchert, that of health; Mr. Grier of Iredell, election laws; Mr. Winborne, federal relations; Mr. Vernon, courts and judicial districts; Mr. Blynn, expenditures of the House; Mr. Mason, corporations; Mr. Eare, counties, cities and towns; Mr. Minis, education; and Mr. Grier, of Iredell, on Journal.

Mr. Laughinghouse, of Pitt, presented a bill in the House that has as its object the breaking up of the pistol toting habit. The bill provides that every owner of a pistol shall pay a tax equal to the poll tax he has to pay and in addition to this there is a provision fixing the minimum punishment at \$50 fine and six months imprisonment for carrying concealed weapons.

Capt. Laughinghouse states the habit of carrying pistols among the negroes of the eastern counties is a nuisance and he has received more than a thousand requests to have a bill like the one he introduced yesterday enacted into law. It has got to be a common occurrence for negroes to shoot down officers of the law in many of the eastern counties without the least provocation and the people are getting tired of it hence Capt. Laughinghouse's bill.

House, Fifth Day. The House was called to order promptly at noon by Speaker Wooten and prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Raleigh.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and on call no petitions, memorials or resolutions were presented.

Bills Introduced. The following bills were introduced:

H. B. 88, Smith, of Orange, to fix salaries for public officers of Orange.

H. B. 89, Clayton, amend certain chapters of laws of 1913 relative to the time for the sale of oysters.

H. B. 90, Clayton, amend act relative to fishing in Rose Bay.

H. B. 91, McElreath, to advance certain Confederate soldiers and widows on the pension roll.

H. B. 92, Williams, of Yadkin, to prevent livestock running at large on the public highways of Yadkin county.

H. B. 93, Walden, in regard to the killing of calves in Alexander county.

H. B. 94, Stacy, to authorize the board of Aldermen of the city of Goldsboro to issue bonds.

H. B. 95, Tucker, to amend the act relating to the pay of witnesses in criminal cases in Person county.

H. B. 96, Phillips, to repeal the law of 1913 of Mitchell county.

H. B. 97, Witherspoon, to repeal chapter 177, laws of 1913, in regard to the sale of real estate for taxes in Cherokee county.

H. B. 98, Hays, authorizing the commissioners of Beaufort county to levy a special tax.

H. B. 99, Hays, authorizing the board of commissioners of New

## IN HONOR OF MISS COPPEDGE OF GREENSBORO

Misses Mary and Isabel Carter, gentlemen entertained a number of their friends at Bridge on last evening at their residence in Bridge street, in honor of Miss Lucy Coppedge of Greensboro, who is the home-guest of Mrs. J. A. Tucker, at the Louise Hotel.

The pleasurable game of bridge was engaged in by the guests until a late hour, after which a delightful course luncheon was served by these popular hostesses.

The guests of the Misses Carter were: Miss Lucy Coppedge of Greensboro, Mrs. Chas. Fisher of Norfolk, Mrs. Mildred Davis of Williams, Mrs. J. A. Tucker, Mrs. Caddie Fowlk, Misses Katherine and Maybelle Small, Miss Janet Westmore, Miss Mary Clyde Hassell, Misses Mary and Isabel Carter.

King George of England has instituted a new order called "The Millitary Cross."

## MEETING OF NATIONAL W. C. T. UNION

The Day of Prayer has been appointed by the National W. C. T. Union for the constitutional abolition of the liquor traffic. There will be services in the First Methodist Church next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and every citizen of Washington is cordially invited to be present.

The program will be made up of short talks by prominent speakers, and special music. Come, if possible, if you cannot do that be sure to join in prayer for this great cause.

Remember, that if liquor traffic is not abolished, your husband or boy may be the next victim.

FOR SALE—WHITE ORPINGTON. Pure bred, 3 Cockerels at \$2.50 each, 15 Pullets at \$1.80 each. Chas. A. Flynn, 1-12-15.

LADIES DAY. The Monarch Bowling Company, on Market street, announces that tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday), will be observed as ladies day. All ladies are especially invited to come and take part in this sport.

Halcyon Club Dance. The Halcyon German Club will give an extra dance tomorrow evening at the Elks Home, dancing from 9:30 to 1:30. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Forbes Orchestra.

Handover to issue bonds for the purpose of building a workhouse.

H. B. 10, Carr, to repeal chapter 730, laws of 1913, taxing dogs in Duplin county.

H. B. 11, Battle, to amend certain chapters of the revised regarding lumber companies operating lumber roads. This bill provides that the lumber companies may haul freight and passengers receiving pay for same.

H. B. 12, Faircloth, repealing chapter 183, laws of 1913, requiring the keeping of records of receipts and disbursements of fees received by the county officers of Sampson.

H. B. 13, Witherspoon, to provide for the maintenance and construction of the Asheville-Murphy scenic highway.

H. B. 14, Laughinghouse, putting a tax on pistols equal to poll tax and fixing the minimum punishment for carrying concealed weapons at \$50 fine and six months imprisonment.

H. B. 15, Winborne, to make a debt due and payable upon the debtors dumping of any part of the security by the debtor.

Passed "United Reading."

House bill 21, allowing the commissioners of the city of Mountville to issue bonds to liquidate its indebtedness passed third reading.

## W. O. W. HOLD MEETING ON LAST EVE.

Washington Camp No. 333, Woodmen of the World, observed the pleasure of having with them last evening State Manager R. B. Lewis of Kingston. Sovereign Lewis delivered a very interesting and instructive address and installed the newly elected officers in a very impressive manner. W. L. Arrington, District Deputy, presided over the meeting.

Upon the close of the meeting, the social features given were very delightful. The pleasant meeting with Sovereign Lewis, a smoker, and an oyster supper at the Pure Food Cafe, served by Sovereign W. L. Sumner, in his usual fine style, was one of the events of the evening.

The Camp enjoyed the pleasure of having several members of other camps with them on this occasion.

This camp was organized in July 1914, and has been growing steadily ever since.

## "THE TREY O' HEARTS" ON TONIGHT

The fourth installment of the "Trey O' Hearts" will be shown at the New Theater in connection with one other reel of equal interesting photo drama tonight. So be sure and attend this house tonight and see this serial play that will interest you for fifteen weeks.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET TONIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at their quarters in the Haugham Building at 8:30 o'clock. All members are especially requested to be present at the meeting tonight.

### SOME BALL GAMES.

There was a good ball game yesterday afternoon at Brown Field, between the boys "uptown" and the boys "downtown." Lloyd Lanier pitched the first two innings and the score stood 4 to 1 in favor of the "downtowners." Bill Bailey pitched the rest of the game and when the game was over the score stood 8 to 4 in favor of the "uptowners."

The line-up was as follows: Richard Cherry, catcher; Bill Bailey, pitcher; Ed Hoyt, first base; Jack Warren, second base; Mack Robbins, third base; Boots Harris, left field; Frank Baker, center field; Andrew Halfway, right field.

### TO ATTEND CONVENTION.

Postmaster Hugh Paul left yesterday to attend a meeting today of the State Executive Committee of the Republican party.

### A JANUARY SALE.

On the fourth page of this issue will note the page ad of Bowers-Lewis Co. announcing the fact that their Annual January Fifteen Days Coat Sale will begin on Thursday morning, January 14th, and will last for fifteen days only. As you will note from ad, prices have been greatly reduced on this sale, and many bargains can be found there.

A. K. HOYT'S AFTER INVENTORY Sale begins tomorrow, January 13th. Ladies' Cambric will sell for 5-6c the yard, only 10 cents to one customer.

## ROUMANIA MAY SOON BE DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT

London, Jan. 11.—Only a change in the weather or entrance into the war of Rumania or Italy, or both, is likely to bring about any marked change in the military situation in Europe for some time.

The belief is growing in countries allied against Germany, Austria and Turkey, that Rumania with her well trained army of not less than 400,000 men soon will throw herself into the conflict. This, in effect, would link Rumania with the extreme Russian left now forcing its way into Hungary through Boko-wina.

Taking into consideration the Servians and Montenegrins this would form a line menacing Austria-Hungary along the entire southeastern frontier from Russia to the Adriatic.

Just as rumors persisted for days prior to Turkey's entrance into the war so rumors now center about Rumania and Italy. There is a strong feeling among the general public in France and England that definite action will not long be delayed.

Meanwhile the armies already in the field in the east and west remain virtually deadlocked. In Alsace the French continue, by sapping and sporadic charges, attempts to force their way nearer the Rhine, but neither side claims any new progress. The Germans threw heavy reinforcements into Alsace

after the recent French advance and apparently they have held their ground, in view of the failure of the French to consolidate positions they took after much hard fighting.

With a comparative lull in this quarter and artillery duels predominating near the Belgian coast, fighting of a desperate character has broken out in the center, notably to the northeast of Soissons, which through bombardments seems likely to suffer the fate of Rheims, and farther east, in the vicinity of Perthes and Beausejour, from which points the allies have been trying to reach the important railway to the north, the seizure of which would cut one of the German main arteries of communication.

Official communications do not agree as to the outcome of the recent fighting in these areas. The allies claim to have forged ahead from Soissons; the Germans say these attacks have not been fruitful and that fighting is proceeding.

The allies contend that they have advanced north of Perthes and still hold the ground at Beausejour to the north and east. The Germans make no mention of fighting north of Perthes, but maintain that they have advanced east of the village. The fighting in the vicinity of Beausejour, which the allies consider so important, they ignore.

### SINGLETON NOTES.

Our farmers are getting ready to start their crops for another year.

Our school began again this week with a very large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jackson of Washington, were here Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Snody Hardison of Chocowinity, and Mrs. Robert Channels and children of Vanceboro, were the guests of Mrs. S. L. Willard Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lula Hodges and Richard Omary were the guests of Miss Lula Willard Sunday evening.

Misses Minnie Perry and Murlin Willard were the guests of Miss Minnie Willard Sunday.

J. H. Singleton, who has been on the sick list is very much improved at this time.

Roy Perry had the misfortune of having his jaw broken on last Wednesday at the mill of J. H. Clark. It is reported that his condition is serious at this time and that he is suffering intensely from same.

Quite a number of our people went to Old Ford Sunday and heard a most interesting sermon preached by our state secretary, Rev. J. Fred Jones.

Little Wilson Leggett, who has been ill from an attack of pneumonia, is much better at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leggett and little son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Singleton Sunday.

Miss Alice Williamson, our popular school teacher, returned last Thursday from Norfolk, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Quite a number of our people were disappointed Sunday evening, expecting to hear Rev. John Waters at Singleton. We do not know why he did not come.

Dog killing has been the order of the day here for quite a while, but most everyone is through at this time.

Martin Willard spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Washington.

Miss Amanda Harding returned to her home in Chocowinity, Wednesday morning, after spending several days with her cousin, Miss Zula Willard.

Mrs. E. T. Jackson who has been on the sick list is much improved.

Claud Willard made a flying trip to Martin county Sunday. He reports a very pleasant time.

Because there is no prospect of an early ending of the war in Europe, many tourists who usually go abroad will spend the winter in Florida. The Southern railroads, have, therefore, prepared for a large increase in business.

Employees of the Harriman railroads have been advised to take three baths every week and to cultivate a love for music, art and literature. The object is to cultivate a greater efficiency.

Vice-president Elliott of the New Haven Railroad says that not only is the general level of railroad rates too low in the United States under present conditions of wages, taxes, rates of interest, elaborate and luxurious service and very necessary provision for safety and dispatch, but many individual rates are entirely too low.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the firm composed of J. R. Meekins and H. H. Satterthwaite has been dissolved and that the business thereof has been sold to Raymond Woolard who is entitled to collect all accounts due the said firm and has assumed all debts payable by them. The said Raymond Woolard will continue the business at 111 store on the east side of McNair street heretofore occupied by said firm. This Jan. 1st, 1915. H. H. SATTERTHWAITE, RAYMOND WOOLARD. 1-12-15.

WOMEN'S \$4.00 TAN SHOES WILL sell for \$2.50 the pair at J. K. Hoyt's After Inventory Sale, which begins tomorrow, January 13th.

## PARENTS

Do you know that in the city 90 per cent of the backward school children began to improve when fitted with glasses?

Do you know whether your boy or girl has normal eyesight?

WE CAN TELL YOU. W. H. NEWBORN, Specialist in Fitting Glasses. Over J. K. Hoyt's Store, Out Every Monday and Tuesday, Washington, N. C.

## New Theater TONIGHT

"UNIVERSAL PHOTOPLAYS. 1-REELS-1"

4th installment of "THEY O' HEARTS"

Prices 5 and 20 Cents. COMING—COMING—COMING