

OVER 800,000 ARE ENGAGED IN FIERCE BATTLE

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3,500 CANNON

Notice of Bombardment Can be Heard Thirty-six Miles Away. One of Greatest Battles of the War is Being Fought.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Fighting on the Russian frontier is fast growing in intensity and assuming great frequency, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Havas agency in a despatch filed yesterday.

Dispatches from Kiev declare that the noise of cannon can be heard along a distance of thirty-six miles and that windows in all the villages in this region have been broken by the concussion. The battle is raging with particular fury on the Terehopol-Trembowla front, where more than 800,000 men, with 3,500 cannons, are incessantly engaged. Long Austro-German Red Cross trains are leaving this front daily for more remote and thickly populated towns where hospitals have been organized.

Turks Repulse Russian Attack. Berlin, Jan. 8.—According to private reports from Constantinople, the Russians attacked a town in the Persian province of Azerbaijan, northwestern Persia, which was defended by Turks and volunteers. The Russians were defeated and driven to the Urumiah district, suffering heavy losses.

OVER 50 CASES GRIP REPORTED

Citizens Are Urged by Local Doctors to Keep Careful Watch on Their Daily Habits.

Local physicians have no way of telling just how many cases of grippe and pneumonia there are in Washington at the present time, but it is estimated that more than fifty persons are afflicted with this malady and the number is increasing each day.

The physicians are warning the citizens of Washington to use extreme care in their daily habits. They have been told to refrain from the gentle art of accusation, from indulging in alcoholic beverages and to keep their feet warm and dry and also to get plenty of fresh air.

EDWARD L. STEWART



Edward L. Stewart, whose photograph appears above, is largely responsible for the carrying of the bond election last Tuesday. Mr. Stewart worked incessantly during the campaign and made his influence felt over the entire township. As secretary of the Washington Township Good Roads Association, he was the generally accepted leader of campaign work. That his endeavors were successful is proven by the outcome of the election Tuesday.

CROSS CONTINENT IN AUTOMOBILE

Young Ladies of Norfolk Have Arrived at Columbia, D. C., on Long Auto Trip to San Francisco.

Columbia, D. C., Jan. 8.—In front of a main street garage yesterday afternoon stood a large automobile bearing a Norfolk license plate. Along in the car were two young women—one with a satchel—on their way to California. They gave their names as Misses E. R. and Mary C. Worrell. They said they left Norfolk at noon Tuesday a week ago. From Columbia they planned to go to Atlanta and Birmingham.

"We are neither society girls nor business women," laughed the taller of the girls, who is a brunette, rather of the athletic type, and wore a sport coat and knitted white cap. She stood with her foot on the car step, while her lame sister hurriedly addressed a number of postcards.

"Just a pleasure trip—we'll visit relatives in California." The young women seemed to think it nothing unusual to set off alone on such a long trip. However, they were rather reticent in regard to themselves and their plans. They ran the car turn about, and say they have had no trouble whatsoever thus far on their transcontinental motor tour.

KINSTON LAWS ARE ALL VOID

Some of Them Have Dated Back as Far as the 18th Century, When City Was But a Cross Roads Village.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Jan. 8.—That the whole code of city ordinances of Kinston is void is the startling statement that Judge T. C. Wooten, of the recorder's court, will make to the city council Monday night called upon Judge Wooten to explain certain phases of the conduct of his court. He prepared a reply to a letter from the clerk of the council today, stating that some ordinances in the municipal code are obsolete, and that for violations of others punishments are "uncertain," for which reasons he has tried offenders under state statutes. Council, among other things, wanted to know why the recorder did not abide by the local ordinances. Some of the city laws, Judge Wooten says, date back to the 18th century, when Kinston was a cross-roads village.

Sugar Resolution Introduced.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The first legislative step in the administration's plan to postpone placing sugar on the free list was taken today in the introduction of a joint resolution by Senator Broussard, Democrat, of Louisiana, which would admit sugar without duty May 1, next. The resolution went to the senate finance committee.

NO CHANCE FOR PREPAREDNESS BILL CARRYING

CONGRESS WILL MAKE SMALL BUT AMPLE APPROPRIATION FOR DEFENSE OF COUNTRY.

DISCUSS MEANS

Present Plan is to Find Way of Raising Revenue. Will be Big Novel if Original Plan of President Were Carried Through.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—For many years the country in general and the Democratic party in particular, have been men in Congress who do not believe that the Kaiser's fat mitts will walk into the halls of Congress, command the Vice President and the speaker of the house to surrender all members of that body, and that both will comply without protest.

A very small, but ample amount will be appropriated for the army and navy by the present Congress. It is understood that Congress may expend a few more millions of dollars than was spent last year.

Not even those who vote after they have heard the President's voice on legislative matters, believe that the President's program, as outlined in his message, will be carried through.

The present plan is to first find a way of raising enough money to carry out this program. When the people who do the voting find out that practically everything they eat, wear or produce from mills and factories are to be taxed in order that a few more sons, grandsons, nephews and even 16 counts of admirals, rear admirals, majors general, colonels, captains and even a few lieutenants, may wear officers uniform, there will be a howl that can be heard from California to Maine. And when these folk back home begin to talk, the average congressman begins to be doesn't these same folk generally find some one that will.

BARACA MEETING

Class Will Meet as Usual Tomorrow Morning. Every member is Urged to be Present.

Believing that all the members of the class have recovered from the effects of the banquet, which was held Thursday night, the executive committee of the M. E. Baraca class have decided that the class will meet as usual tomorrow morning.

An interesting lesson will be discussed by the class teacher, W. M. Keas, and every member is urged to be present.

HOW AMERICAN COTTON MAY BE SHIPPED TO GERMANY

Washington, Jan. 8.—President H. N. Pope, of the Texas Farmers' union, outlined today to congressmen from the cotton states the union's plans for shipments of cotton to be concentrated at Houston, that the first ship would sail February 1, and that regular sailings were planned. The cotton would be shipped, Pope said in ships owned by native born American citizens and will fly the American flag. The cotton has been sold for 37 cents a pound delivered at destination and will net the farmers about 20 cents.

The market price is about 22 cents and the British government has been paying for cotton raised. Inasmuch as Great Britain and Germany both have put cotton on their contraband lists, this latest move may revive the contention of the United States against their action.

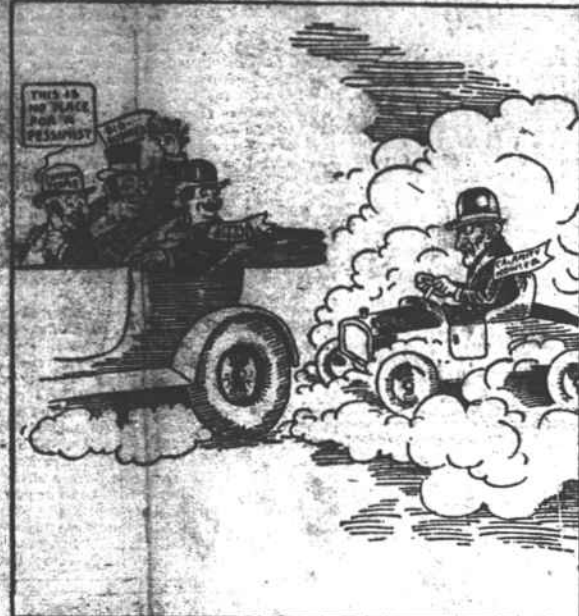
WILL DISCUSS WORK ON ROADS

Washington Township Good Roads Association to Hold Special Meeting at an Early Date.

A meeting of the Washington Township Good Roads Association, for the purpose of discussing the proposed improvement of the roads in the township and other details regarding the contemplated work, will be held at an early date.

At this meeting the Association intends to discuss thoroughly the various plans that have been suggested and to decide upon the one that would be best to recommend.

EATING THEIR DUST.



Hodge in Spokane Spokesman Review.

MANY ATTEND THE MISSION

Mr. Matthews Preaches Interesting Sermons to Large Congregation at Episcopal Church.

In spite of the weather, another good sized congregation was present at St. Peter's Episcopal church last night and listened to a most interesting sermon by Mr. Matthews.

The public is cordially invited to attend the mission, which is being conducted in the church and which will continue until next Thursday. Bible readings in the afternoon at four o'clock. Services at night begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

WILSON CALLS FOR ALLEN'S RECORD

Wants Information on Career of Justice W. R. Allen. Davis Seems Like Probable Choice.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Jan. 8.—The Free Press was authoritatively told this morning that the President has called for the record of Supreme Court Justice W. R. Allen, who was Thursday endorsed by Senators Simmons and Overman from as many counties in the state, recommending Judge William R. Allen, of Goldsboro, for appointment to the Supreme court of the United States to succeed the late Justice Lamar. There is little doubt that should a North Carolinian be selected, President Wilson would give the appointment to the North Carolina jurist. Supporters seem little chance that the place will go to the East.

According to information, which is usually very reliable, the President has about made up his mind to name John M. Davis, of West Virginia, as former President Wilson's Howard Taft. The latter seems to have the best chance of being named.

It is now overwhelmingly expected, it is probable that Mr. Taft would be named. All things being equal, however, it looks like Mr. Davis has the advantage.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Bible School, 10 a. m. W. O. Ellis, Supt. Preaching 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. by Rev. Chas. M. McEntyre, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Morning subject, "Jesus and the Pharisees." Evening subject, "A Lawyer Converted." At the evening service there will be a special solo by Mrs. McEntyre.

Too Absorbing.

"Do the Germans ever leave anything valuable behind them in the trenches?"

LUSITANIA CASE BEING SETTLED

Germany Agrees to Pay Indemnity for American Lives Lost in the Sinking of British Liner.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, presented to Secretary Lansing today a proposal to pay indemnity for Americans lost in the Lusitania disaster and thereby conclude that controversy and gave assurances that any German submarine in the Mediterranean would not attack non-combatant ships of any character without warning or destroy them without opportunity for non-combatants to reach a place of safety.

While offering indemnity in the Lusitania case, Germany makes the reservation that it is done without admission of wrongdoing. No official indication was given as to the acceptability of the proposal but one set of American officials took the view that it would end the controversy.

MANY WOULD JOIN MILITIA COMPANY

Believed That There Would Be Little Trouble in Securing Enough Members to Make Up Company Here.

That a large number of local young men would join the ranks of a Washington militia company, if such an organization were formed, is practically certain. Since information was first given out that this city might be selected as the location for a new company, the matter has met with considerable discussion and it is believed that there would be little trouble experienced in securing enough men to make up a company.

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

"The Chocolate Soldier" with its beautiful music, correct and handsome costumes, and that dreamy never-to-be-forgotten waltz that keeps knocking through one's head, will be the offering at the New Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 13.

Of world-wide fame, "The Chocolate Soldier" which will be interpreted by a company of forty players, is "funnel, catchy and dreamy. The entrancing "My Hero" waltz has been played and sung in all lands.

The story of "The Chocolate Soldier" has to do with a young Swiss gentleman forced into the Serbian army, and who takes refuge in the house of a Bulgarian colonel, and captivates his wife, his young cousin, and also his daughter. The Swiss chap is an engaging fellow, whose diet has been restricted to chocolate drops, but he is most vigorous in his love making and creates no end of complications.

A capable production and company is promised for the presentation in Washington.

Successful.

First Lawyer—Did his speech carry conviction?
Second Lawyer—If did! His client got five years.

INCLUDE THREE TOWNSHIPS INTO ONE ROAD DISTRICT AND ISSUE BONDS FOR ROADS

MOSS LUMBER CO. WINS ITS CASE

Secures Judgment of \$1,908.80 Against Elm City Lumber Co. in Superior Court Yesterday.

In Superior court yesterday afternoon a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Moss Lumber Co. vs. Elm City Lumber Co. for \$1,908.80. The suit was the result of certain lumber contracts.

The case of Dixie Lumber Co. vs. Gray Harris will be taken up for trial today.

WILL MANUFACTURE SHIRTS; OPERATORS ARE WANTED

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 8.—A new manufacturing enterprise for this city is the Wilmington Shirt Company, which has leased the plant of the Willard bag factory, corner Third and Kidder streets, and will as soon as the machinery can be installed begin the manufacture of work and negligee shirts for the trade. The company will be incorporated this week with an authorized capital stock of \$25,000, of which \$5,000 will be paid in. Those interested in the new company are Mayor P. Q. Moore and Messrs. J. I. and B. B. McKoy and James H. Scull.

Mr. J. C. McKoy will be general manager of the concern, and Mr. L. Woodard, of Washington, N. C., who has had 20 years of experience in the business, has been secured as superintendent. It is planned to employ from 70 to 100 young ladies in the plant.

A contract has been closed, it is stated, with a large Northern firm for the next two years. The factory will be able to turn out from 300 to 1,000 dozen shirts a week. All of the shirts will be shipped by water to New York direct and distributed from that point.

The Willard Bag Company, which ceased operations several weeks ago, formerly operated an overall factory in connection with the making of bags and this part of the machinery has been purchased by the new company. The entire plant has been leased and the machinery ordered and is expected to arrive this week.

The office of the new concern will be at No. 1309 South Third street. Mr. Woodard has already arrived in the city and will begin at once making preparations for opening the plant within the next several weeks. Experienced operators are wanted. 1.5-11c.

NO MORE SCHOOL AT OLD FORD

School Work Will Have to be Abandoned for the Remainder of This Term.

It is very probable that school work at Old Ford will have to be abandoned for the balance of this term. The destruction of the school house by fire and the inability to secure another building has made it necessary for the Board of Education to dismiss the faculty at the school for the remainder of the term.

Several loads of brick have been hauled and it is expected that work on a new building will be started within a short time. But even then, it will take quite a while before a new house can be erected and property returned to school.

British Submarine Sunk.

London, Jan. 8.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland was officially announced this morning. The crew were saved.

The admiralty statement says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most southerly of the Frisian group. The entire crew, numbering 23, was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant, and brought into the Dutch port of Helder.

Russian Losses Fifty Thousand.

Vienna, Jan. 8.—Russian losses on the Bessarabian frontier and the Stripa region during the New Year fighting were at least 50,000, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

CHOCOWINITY AND LONG ACRE MAY BE JOINED TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

ISSUE \$100,000

Planned to Circulate Petitions, Addressed to Next Representative and Make it a \$150,000 Bond Issue in All for Road Work.

That Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity townships may be united into one road district and a bond issue of \$100,000 floated for improving the roads of these other two townships, is the opinion that has lately been voiced on the streets of the city.

It is contemplated, according to information given out this morning, to circulate petitions throughout Long Acre and Chocowinity and securing signatures of the necessary number of voters to make these petitions effective. They will be addressed to the next representative at the State legislature and instruct him to form the three townships into one district. This plan will be equally effective to calling an election and will also be much more inexpensive. Should Chocowinity want to join Washington and Long Acre refuse, or vice versa, the township that desires to be included in the good roads work can do so, and the other left out.

The people of Washington township, having already put themselves on record as favoring good roads, it will not be necessary to circulate a petition in this township for organizing the road district. In fact, it is the opinion of the majority of the residents that the road district should be created, including the three townships mentioned above.

Washington township will not have to wait until the legislature meets in order to start work on her roads. The \$100,000 bonds voted this week will be added to the \$100,000 which it is proposed to issue for the other two townships, making \$150,000 in all. Whatever amount Washington needs before the legislature acts on the bill, will be deducted from her apportionment.

RENEW WORK AT NIGHT SCHOOL

Small Attendance at Classes This Week on Account of Weather and Numerous Cases of Illness.

On account of the inclement weather and the illness of several of the teachers and pupils, the attendance at the night school this week has been rather slim.

Beginning next Monday, it is hoped that the work will be resumed with renewed energy. If there are any in Washington who desire to enter the classes, they may still do so. Teachers are also badly needed and it is hoped that volunteers will come forward to aid in the work.

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