

## CLUB OFFER BONANZA TO CANDIDATES

ARE ENABLED TO PILE UP  
ENORMOUS NUMBER OF VOTES  
WITH LITTLE EFFORT.

### SOON BE OVER

Over Will Be Withdrawn Within a  
Few Days. Up to Contestants to  
Get Bus and Take Advantage of  
It Early.

After today one week will remain  
of the big clubbing offer, and the  
very best efforts of each contestant  
is needed during that time.

Do not wait until the end of the  
contest to collect your best support.  
Plan wisely. Secure the assistance  
of your best friends while it is worth  
the greatest number of votes. Pay  
particular attention to subscriptions  
of several years in length. Some of  
your best friends will probably give  
you five years. Don't fail to turn  
them in on this offer when they will  
not the greatest number of votes.

About the Clubs.

While one of the clubs will give  
you a fine big vote, do not stop with  
one club. Nor with two clubs. Get  
just as many as you can. Just think,  
three clubs will net you almost a  
half million votes. Six clubs about  
a cool million. Make the most of  
the big offer. It presents the real  
opportunity of the contest.

## WILL GO BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Large Delegation to Appear Before  
Board in Interest of the Red  
Hill Road.

It is expected that a large delegation  
of citizens from all parts of the  
county will attend the meeting of  
the board of county commissioners  
Monday in the interest of the Red  
Hill road project.

Many persons from the country  
have already been heard from, some  
by letter, and others personally. They  
have promised to be here on Monday.  
All of them expressed themselves as  
favoring the building of the road.

A request is made that as many  
business and professional men of  
Washington, as can possibly do so, be  
present at the meeting.

The delegation will meet at the  
Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock  
Monday morning and proceed in a  
body to the court house to appear  
before the commissioners.

No letters have been sent to the  
people in the city, asking them to  
attend the meeting, but it is hoped  
that a large number will be present.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Chas. M. McEntyre, Minister.  
Bible School 10 a. m., W. O. Ellis  
Supt. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p.  
m. Morning subject: "A Double  
Blessing." Evening subject: "The  
Not at Ephesus and Why." Christian  
Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Special  
music morning and evening. Solo  
evening service, "The Holy City."  
The public is cordially invited to all  
services.

### AT A GLANCE YOU CAN

See that our way of pressing  
clothes is the right way. If  
you value service investigate.  
Drop in when passing, phone  
us or send a card. We want  
you to compare our workman-  
ship with others.

### WRIGHT'S STEAM PRESSING WORKS

PHONE 251

## NEGRO ASSAULTS YOUNG GIRL; FIGHTS POSSE: IS NOW IN JAIL

(By Eastern Press)

Kinston, April 1.—Yesterday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, Will Black, colored, age 16, criminally assaulted Mattie Tyson, the 6-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer, who resides a few miles from Snow Hill.

A smaller sister of the girl ran into the house and screamed for her mother. Mrs. Tyson rushed out to the scene. Black turned his attention to the woman and clubbed her into unconsciousness. He then committed his crime on the young girl.

His victim is in a terrible condition. A posse trailed Black to a thicket. A duel followed. The negro had two guns and a revolver. J. O. Sugg, former register of deeds, was shot, but not seriously wounded. Another member of the posse was also wounded. Black was hit, but not wounded fatally.

He was finally captured and rushed by officials to the Snow Hill jail. A mob gathered and, fearing a lynching, the sheriff had the negro taken to the Goldsboro jail, where he is now confined.

## HOLLAND MAY BE NEXT IN THE WAR

Dutch Government is Taking Steps  
which May Result in Declaring  
War Against Germany

(By United Press)

London, April 1.—Both houses  
of the Dutch parliament were  
summoned by telegraph today  
to attend a special session Monday  
at which the Tuanan sinking  
will be considered.

The Dutch government has  
commandered all railways and  
material, according to the Central  
News Copenhagen corres-

pondent. The queen has cancelled  
all military furloughs. The situation  
grows more serious, following a meeting today  
of high army and naval officials.  
Because all cables between London  
and Holland have been disabled  
by a severe storm, it is impossible  
to obtain further details.

## LOCAL DEBATERS WON LAST NIGHT

W. H. S. Teams Carried Off Honors  
Both Here and at Elizabeth  
City.

The Washington high school debating  
team won in both of their  
debates yesterday.

Jatha Woolard and Jessie Hardison  
debated the affirmative side of  
the question, "Resolved that the  
United States should greatly increase  
its navy." Their opponents were  
from the New Bern High School. The  
debate took place at the auditorium  
last night and was well attended.  
Woolard's argument was especially  
good. The vote in favor of Wash-  
ington was 2 to 1.

A telegram was received this  
morning from Elizabeth City, stating  
that the Washington high school  
team had also won out against the  
Elizabeth City high school. Elizabeth  
McIlhenny and Freda Williams  
represented the local school. They de-  
bated the negative side of the same  
question.

## ZEP. RAIDER IS SHOT DOWN

(By United Press)

London, April 1.—One of the five  
Zeppelins that last night raided the  
English coast, was shot down and  
sank in the Thames. The crew sur-  
rendered. A single bomb from one  
Zeppelin killed a man, his wife and  
child, and wounded seven others.  
About 90 bombs were dropped alto-  
gether.

The raid occurred as the theatres  
were filling. The airship destroyed  
the 26th that has been shot down  
since the war started.

Twenty-eight were killed in the  
raid.

Bombs Dropped on Swiss Village.  
Berne, Switzerland, April 1.—Two  
aeroplanes of unknown nationality  
dropped five large bombs at dawn  
this morning on the small Swiss vil-  
lage of Porrentruy, near the French  
frontier. Some damage to property  
was caused.

## PRIZES AWARDED FOR CO. SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT PRIVATE  
MADE LIST OF AWARDS PUB-  
LISHED THIS MORNING.

## COMPETITION KEEN

Best Float Prize Awarded to Choco-  
winity. Pantego, Highland and  
Bear Creek Get Prizes for Best  
Exhibits.

## COMMENCEMENT FACTS.

7,000 lunches were served  
at the warehouse.

14,800 sandwiches were  
distributed.

25,000 apples were given  
away.

400 pounds of cakes were  
eaten up.

29,600 slices of bread were  
used.

\$200 worth of ham was  
used.

653 passengers came up on  
the N. S. from the Belhaven  
district.

405 passengers came on the  
W. & V.

Over 5 times as many came  
to the city in vehicles.

Announcement of the winners of  
the various prizes offered in the  
county commencement exercises was  
made this morning by Superintendent  
Privette. The list is as follows:

Best essay, "Effects of alcohol on  
the body," for prize offered by local  
W. C. T. U., awarded to Miss Georgia  
Mallison, of Pantego.

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## SUSSEX REPORT NEXT WEEK

SUSSEX

Expected That Germany Will Submit  
Case to the United States  
Within Short Time.

(By United Press)

Berlin, April 1.—The reply of  
Germany to the request of the United  
States for information on the Sussex  
attack will probably be handed to  
Ambassador Gerard next week. It  
is possible, however, that submarines,  
operating in British waters,  
may not return to their bases with  
their reports before the end of next  
week. This, of course, would delay  
matters.

## CHAS. A. SMITH DIED TODAY

(By United Press)

Baltimore, April 1.—Charles A.  
Smith, ex-governor and ex-lieutenant  
governor of South Carolina, president  
of four banks and extensively  
interested otherwise in Southern business  
circles, died today in Johns Hopkins  
hospital. The body leaves this  
afternoon for his home in Timmons-  
ville. Congressman Ragsdale, his nephew,  
will accompany the remains from here.

## SUB COMMITTEE FAVORS BRANDEIS

Appointment Will Go to Senate Ju-  
diciary Committee on Monday.

(By United Press)

Washington, April 1.—The Senate  
sub-committee, which has investigated  
the fitness of Louis Brandeis for  
Supreme court justice, today voted  
three to two to recommend his ap-  
pointment. Works and Cummings are  
believed to have cast the "No" votes.

The report will go to the Senate  
Judiciary committee on Monday. The  
Republicans there are expected to  
make a strong fight to keep the recom-  
mendation delayed or indefinitely  
postponed.

(Dr. Waite Indicted for Murder.)

New York, April 1.—The grand  
jury today returned an indictment  
charging murder in the first degree  
against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite,  
accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law,  
John E. Peck, millionaire  
drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids,

## U.S. TROOPS HOT ON VILLA'S TRAIL

Bandit Chief is But a Step Ahead of  
the American Troops in His  
Dash for Safety

Believed That His Wounds Are More Serious Than First  
Reported. Trainload of Provisions Leaves  
For U. S. Soldiers.

By E. T. CONKLE,  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

El Paso, April 1.—Like a wounded  
animal, slinking to its lair, Villa is  
believed to be but a step ahead of  
Dodd's troopers, who are bent on  
his capture, dead or alive.

Following a thrilling ride and  
running fight, which was reported  
yesterday, officers believe that the  
capture of the bandit is but the matter  
of a few hours.

Villa's injuries, mentioned yesterday,  
are more serious than first supposed.  
The view is held that he may die  
because of lack of medical attention.

Villa Capture Denied.

El Paso, April 1.—Host of reports  
that Villa has been captured since  
Dodd's victory, have been circulated  
today, presumably by Juarez officials.  
The Carranza consul, Garcia, has denied  
the rumors.

The first trainload of provisions  
left Juarez for Casas Grandes today,  
consisting of five carloads of oats,  
one of sugar and five of miscellaneous  
merchandise. The train is owned and consigned to Mormons at  
Colonia Dublan. The Mormons will  
sell them to the soldiers.

## GERMANS SINK HOSPITAL SHIP

Tragedy Occurred in Black Sea. 115  
Lives Lost, Including Sisters  
of Mercy.

(By United Press)

Petrograd, April 1.—The Russian  
hospital ship, Portugal, was sub-  
merged by Germans in the Black Sea  
today with a loss of 115 lives, in-  
cluding Countess Tatistcheff and 14  
other Sisters of Mercy. The Portugal  
sank in a minute's time. 158 were  
rescued.

## VERDUN FIGHT CONTINUES

Germans Begin Bombardment of  
Verdun. Have Obtained Foot-  
hold in Vaux Village.

(By United Press)

London, April 1.—German artillery  
has opened the bombardment on  
Verdun and the Paris railway from  
the Anconcourt woods, Paris dispatches  
today state. This is believed to  
be the prelude to the German drive  
southward toward the railway and  
a general assault against the French  
northwest of Verdun. Air battles  
are occurring hourly.

Germans Gain Foothold.

Paris, April 1.—In two fierce at-  
tacks with large forces, the Germans  
today gained a foothold in Vaux  
Village, five miles northwest of Ver-  
dun. They were first stopped by a  
heavy fire. The second attack was  
rushed forward without regard of  
appalling losses.

## NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT

"SATAN SANDERSON"  
a photoplay in 5 parts  
A picture everybody will  
enjoy.

Prices 5 & 10  
M. & P. Pictures  
in the World  
before  
Your Eyes  
MAIN ST.