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THE CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB.

The News desires to record its interest in the campaign which is now being conducted by the Charlotte Country Club—until very recently the Mecklenburg Country Club—for the purpose of obtaining a hundred new members.

The Country Club is an asset to Charlotte the value of which may be—and we fear is all too generally—overlooked. It was organized and is conducted for the benefit and pleasure of all the people of Charlotte and it is to be regretted that its facilities are not more generally utilized by our citizenship.

The club is elegantly appointed in every way. Golfers who have played on approximately every golf course in the country have repeatedly declared that the lay out of the course is the best to be found anywhere south of Philadelphia. The eighteen holes, furnish an opportunity to enjoy the ancient Scottish sport to the best advantage.

This single fact in itself is no small advertisement for this city. Not only do members residing in Charlotte have the benefit of this course but visiting golfers are more and more coming to make it a point to stop in Charlotte and play a round or more on these links. The advertising value of this requires no extended explanation.

The recent change in name will prove of value to the city. Despite the Twentieth of May, "Mecklenburg" is not identified as rapidly or as readily as "Charlotte" and as more folks play here and more of our local players take part in tournaments elsewhere, the name "Charlotte Country Club" will do valuable advertising for the city.

Nor is it to be overlooked, that entirely aside from the reasons given, membership in the club is an excellent thing. It gives access to healthful exercise, many facilities for other sorts of recreation and—possibly best of all—to fellowship with some of the best and most substantial of the citizens whose united effort are so necessary in the upbuilding of Charlotte.

Thus it is in a very whole-hearted fashion that The News endorses the campaign for new members on the part of the club. The members who will be secured will help a good proposition along but beyond question they themselves will derive even greater benefit than they are instrumental in conferring.

CONGRATULATIONS.

It is with decided pleasure that The News notes the tremendous success which accompanied the formal opening on Friday night of the huge office building at the corner of Third and Church streets, which is the new home in this city of the various companies which may be called Duke interests.

One of the incidental results of the disastrous floods last summer was the enforced postponement of this formal opening. Later it was decided to make the function the culmination of Charlotte's celebration of Electrical Week. Visitors to the number of ten thousand called during the evening to show their interest and pleasure in the acquirement of new and sumptuous quarters by a group of organizations whose efforts cannot but serve in the further upbuilding of Charlotte.

It is with peculiar pleasure that The News offers its special congratulations to Mr. Leake Carraway who had complete charge of the affair from its inception and to whose energy and ability backed as these were by the loyal co-operation of every officer and employe connected with the companies, is largely due the gratifying success which attended the formal opening. Mr. Carraway was on a time a valued member of The News' family and this paper cannot but feel a pardonable and most friendly pride in its success in another field of endeavor.

The French government has prohibited the import of news print paper in order to encourage the French paper industry, which means more paper for American consumption—and more prices.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Within the past twelve months something over two thousand individuals in Charlotte, ranging in years all the way from babyhood to old age, have been in distress. This is the information given in the interview with V. S. Woodward, general secretary of the Associated Charities, which appears elsewhere in this paper. This is distinctly surprising. It would be painful, also, beyond expression, if we did not learn at the same time that the distress of these persons was relieved as completely and as thoroughly as intelligent, warm hearted, social service could relieve it.

The old way of dispensing charity was to give a "hand-out" to every applicant. The new is to give service. Under the old way, once a pauper, always a pauper. Under the new way, once a pauper, soon a self-respecting, self-supporting citizen. Mr. Woodward also states that right here at the beginning of winter the treasury of the society is about empty. For the purpose of replenishing it a campaign will be launched tomorrow. The News wishes to stamp this movement with its hearty approval and to urge upon every member of this community the utmost liberality.

HAIL TO THE CHAMPS.

All things come to those who hustle while they wait is an old maxim—but it is still being proven. The latest proof of this statement was recorded yesterday when the Charlotte high school football team won the high school championship of the state by defeating the heavy Chapel Hill team by a score of 36 to 0.

Starting with nothing last year except a hope, and then through hustle building up a strong team, the Charlotte highs fought their way to the championship game—but lost the decision to Raleigh. This only served to whet Charlotte's appetite, though, and the team came back and won the championship. Charlotte, therefore, comes to the fore once again.

Credit should be given to the team that has so ably carried out the coach's instructions and much credit should be given to Philly Ritch, who conceived the idea and who so ably coached the team during its existence of two years. May Charlotte continue to be linked with championships!

FARE RE-FUND WEEK.

The merchants of the city yesterday closed one of the most successful fare-refunding sales ever conducted in this city. Everything was placed on the bargain counter—and not only were people offered rare bargains, but they had their fare to and from the city paid in addition. The result is that both buyer and seller profited.

Charlotte should have more of these weeks. They serve to create a closer unity between this, the logical shopping center of the section and the nearby buyers. We make our money out of our friend—and friends, therefore, are a necessity. Charlotte offers every facility that is offered by Richmond and Atlanta—and Charlotte should be the buying point for this section—when, of course, these sought articles cannot be procured from the merchants in the buyer's own town. The prosperity of Charlotte will have a reflex action on this surrounding territory—and vice versa. These Fare Refunding Sales should be run oftener. They are a benefit.

Starting today, the News is opening its news columns to those wishing to communicate with Santa Claus. Letters may be mailed or brought to this office. Owing to the extra long lists that will result, it may take two or three days or maybe longer to get around to all the letters as they are to be published in the order in which they are received. The News will gladly give all space available to these letters—but urgently requests that they be made as short as possible.

A Los Angeles policeman yesterday confessed that he was the robber who held up a mail car for \$39,000 in cash and checks. It comes natural to some of these Big City Cops.

Once more the Japanese bugaboo enters. "Japan," announced Rear Admiral Badger, "is building a larger and more powerful battleship than we plan." Too, Germany has Zeppelins.

The most noticeable thing in this short but allegedly hurry-up-session of congress in the daily summary is "adjourned until noon—day."

F. D. A.

Adversity is the shadow of prosperity—Sorrow follows joy—Death follows life—

Humanity inherits it all. Preparedness for either event should be Life's slogan. Mortality liable to accident—sickness—we can't prevent either but we can keep the wolf from the door—by LIMITLESS accident or sick policy—cost—\$60.00—pays—\$5,000 to \$10,000—death—\$25.00 to \$50.00 weekly—sickness—besides the Doctor and Surgeon—and last—\$6.25 weekly for life or till disability ceases. Its a sunbeam in a troubled world. Alexanders F. D. Thos. L. Offer—17—

GREECE NOTIFIES (Continued from Page One.)

salvation of Rumanians. The Germans have already attained the most important advantages and with their shortening front and strengthening of economic forces the Russians cannot wrest them from German forces. The statement declares despite heavy losses in vain attacks, the German advance in Rumania was not stopped, any more than could the Russian assaults in Dobruja stop them. The fact that 2,500 prisoners captured by the Danube army belonged to 22 different regiments indicates the far reaching mixture of troops and the dissolution of the Russo-Rumanian army.

Munitions Explosion Kills 1,000. Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 9.—Destruction of probably 1,000 persons working in a Russian ammunition factory was reported in the Russian newspaper Ryezhin according to a press bureau statement today. The newspaper asserted the explosion occurred at a factory on the Lasatannaya, "where 1,000 workers were employed, all of whom evidently perished."

Germany Continue to Chase. Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 9.—Progress of the pursuit against the defeated Rumanians, according to plans, was reported in the second official statement of today. Hostile attacks in the Cerna bend (Macedonian theatre) following an artillery duel are continuing.

Insurance Rates Stiffen. New York, Dec. 9.—While it was said at the British consular office today that the small converted German steamer, reported to have slipped through the British lines on a raiding expedition would not be feared by the big liners, it became known today that the stiffening of insurance rates, the past several days was largely due to news concerning the raider.

All liners flying the flags of allied countries will sail as scheduled, it was said, but a sharp lookout will be kept for the German vessel. Vessels sailing today from New York for Europe carried 2,289 passengers, many returning to their native lands for the Christmas holidays. Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France, was a passenger going to France to supervise the work of the American ambulance hospital.

Peace Conference Held. Methy, Wales, Dec. 9.—Claiming to represent 324,767 of Britain's population, a peace conference met here today and adopted resolutions urging restoration of the traditional rights of British citizens. Ramsey McDonald was the principal speaker and fathered the resolution. The session was peaceful.

A New Allied Offensive. Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 9.—A new offensive in the Ypres bend may be expected next from the allied forces on the west front, declared the review of operations in this theatre of war issued tonight by the press bureau. The new offensive is based on the prediction that with failure of the Somme offensive so far, the allies have two alternatives—either to continue that Somme offensive, or to prepare a new one. "Reconnoitering advances at other places on the front, for instance in the Ypres bend, indicate the latter intention," the statement declared.

DELEGATE PANI IS RETURNING. Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Delegate Alberto Pani of the Mexican-American joint commission, left early today for the United States, carrying with him First Chief Carranza's instructions and authority to execute signing of the protocol. The contents of this document were not disclosed here, nor whether it met with Carranza's approval in its entirety. Pani, however, has complete authority to act for the Mexican government. General Carranza has refused to comment on the protocol since Pani arrived here for conference on the matter.

GALE DAMAGED SUBMARINE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—Whipped about by a terrific gale, the United States submarine L-4, one of the four submarines booked to participate in the naval display attending the opening of the Southern Commercial Congress Monday limped into port today minus her periscope and anchor.

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TOYS THAT PLEASE SMITH NOVOTOY 20 West 5th St.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

The News will as heretofore, give all available space for the publication of these letters. Simply address them to Santa Claus, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please send me a wheel, a cap pistol, a drum, a horn and 10c store sword and a fire engine, a pretty tie and a watch. A good surgeon book that I can understand. If you can give me a pair of skates I would be glad. I am trying to be a good boy in my home and at school. Charles Holmes MacDonald, 500 Park Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me a box of tools and a box of shot and a story book and a knife. Box of color apples, oranges, raisins, negro toes, English walnuts. Very truly, Robert Torrence, Pineville, R. No. 15.

Dear Santa Claus:—Won't you bring me a package of fire crackers and a cannon to shoot them in and a train and track and a scout suit. Joseph Cooner, 13 N. Pine St.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me a Teddy bear and an air rifle and a wagon with a horse to it and a top, some raisins, apples, oranges, negro toes, English walnuts. Yours truly, William Torrence, Pineville, R. No. 15.

Dear Santa:—I want you to send me a cowboy suit and a pistol with 5 boxes of caps and a pair of kid gloves and a painting book; a game of pack-strays, a handkerchief holder, Windsor tie and a pair of white shoes and skates. Katherine Wooten, 1004 W. Trade.

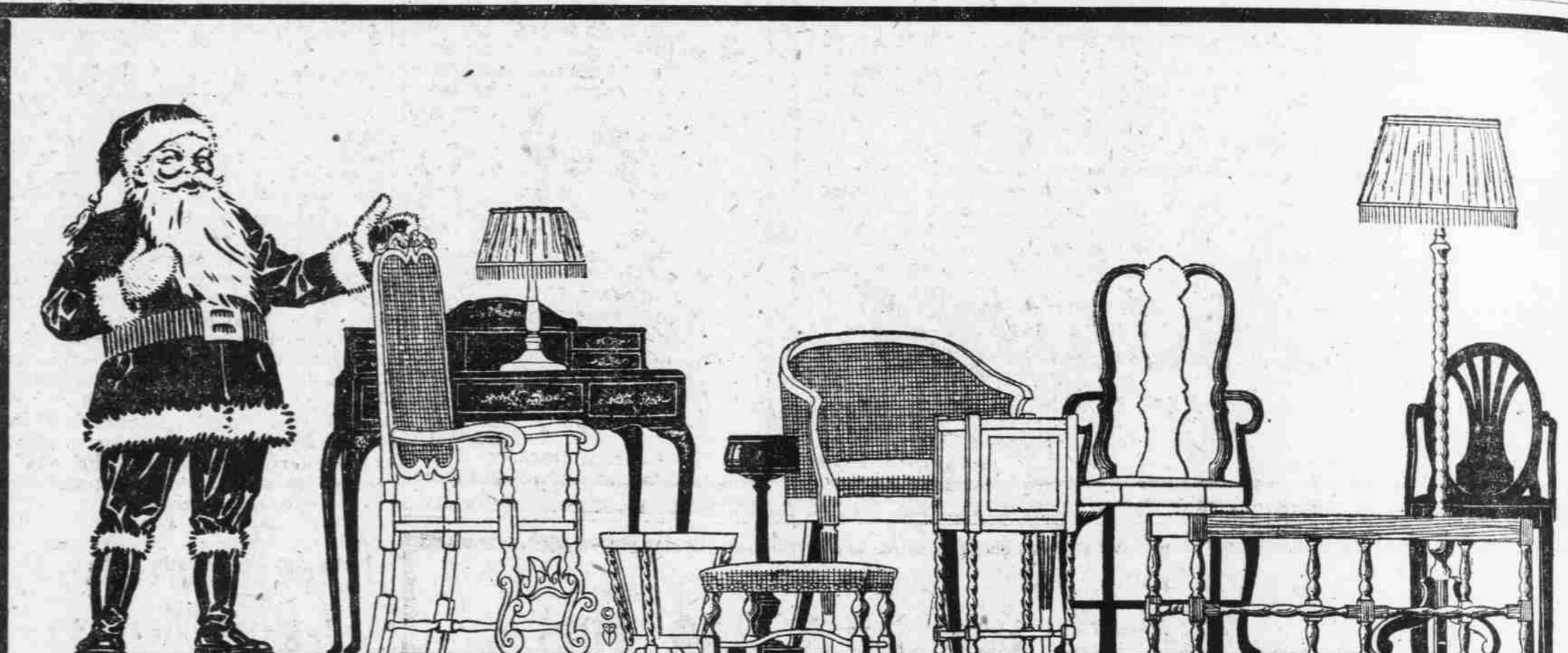
Dear Santa:—I want a pair of gloves like auto gloves, a rapid fire cannon, a torpedo boat, bank of America, cap pistol, (gilgore) 5 boxes of caps, wagon, cowboy suit with rope and pistol case, paint book. Frank Wooten, 1004 W. Trade.

Theodore Roosevelt Plans To Engage In Some Devil-Fishing

Danville, Va., Dec. 9.—Yo ho, my hearties! Colonel Theodore Roosevelt plans to ship before the mast, by ordinary fisherman and sailor and abandon his project of the Fiji trip for the lure of devil-fishing. Russell J. Coles, wealthy tobacco leaf dealer is authority for the story—and he says he's just back from Oyster Bay. The colonel, Coles said, will ship as

a member of the crew in the Coles' expedition after the game fish, joining the party at Punta Surua in March. Coles denied, however, that the colonel intends to foot the bill, or that due trophies of the hunt will be turned over to the American Museum of Natural History.

After the recent campaign, Roosevelt let it be known that he intended to sojourn a time with the Fiji islanders and their ilk, but Coles' persuasion made the former president believe that after all there is a lot more fun—and night—about devil-fishing than about sojourning with the Fijis, be their South Sea land ever so fair.



Santa knows The Gift Most Acceptable Is A Parker-Gardner Something For The Home

- LITTLE THINGS: Trays, Nut Bowls, Candlesticks, Muffin Stands, Trash Baskets, Flower Stands, Sewing Stands, Tabourettes, Mirrors, Stools, Desk Lamps, Pictures, Sewing Stands, Smoking Stands, Table Runners, Pillow Tops, Costumers. LARGER THINGS: Tea-wagons, Tea Tables, Nest Tables, Card Tables, Magazine Stands, Cellarettes, Floor Lamps, Sewing Tables, Night Tables, Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Chairs, Rockers, Divans, Benches, Rugs, Curtains. LARGEST THINGS: Pianos, Pianolas, Victrolas, Library Tables, Parlor Tables, Chesterfield Sofas, Overstuffed Chairs, Bookcases, Secretaries, Dressing Tables, Vanity Cases, Twin Beds, China Closets, Hall Clocks, Hall Couches, Hall Tables, Hall Chairs.

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