100,000 prisoners,, valuable positions

DAYS LEFT TO

SHOP COUNT 'EM!

GERMAN STRENGTH ON THE WEST FRONT IS TREMENDOUS

France was at its maximum.

another peace proposal.

EXPRESS OFFICE OPEN

The allies, however, are understood

rangements in train service, due to

DIRECT CAMP

prodice a uniform result, and will

be aided by the American officers.

ed from France, where he made an

advance of one to eight points in

sympathy with firmer Liverpool ca-

By the Associated Press.

The close was steady.

December \_\_ \_\_ \_\_30.32

General Morrison has just return-

By the Associated Press.

Withdrawals from Russia

MORE

and hundreds of cannon.

## CERMANY TELLS RUSSIA GENERAL PEACE OFFER

Wants Bolsheviki to Sound Allies on Negotiations. Russian Definition Rejected by Central Powers Embassy at Washington Ignorant of Progress.

By the Associated Press. Petrograd. Dec. 20.-According o press reports Russia has been in-

This report is published in the Evgire Post, which says the repregatative of the control powers, at de first preliminary held yesterday gated that their governments inwas on principle to put the quessen of proce before all powers and that they had asked their allies to to Rewise. Emsin is requested to take similar steps. It is stated the Resides will sound the allies as to

The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed bolshenk headquarters that the central powers are roundy to consider the arpagements of peace on the basis of meannexations and indemnities, but pented out that self-definition of na-

that they were ready to discuss other capacity.

Russian armistice might influence

The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who them to the children for me. You Even the bullets from an automatwould participate in the negotiations.

### WITHOUT ADVICE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20 .- The Russi-

membassy today was entirely withat advices of the progress of peace agotiations between the bolshevik. calvices the embassy was receiving through Ambassador Francis at Pettograd were not made public.

The special attraction at the Pas-December 20th will "King Lear" featuring Frederick Rooster Pate play. The following is the dest speaks first and her father spected them and the feeling crop-The pleased vanity hears her declare ped out on all occasions. that all powers of speech fail to ex-

to Z. S. Troutman and receive re- law. 12 29 tf

ARCTIC CIRCLE.

Dear Parents:

From practically every child in Catawba county I have received a By the Associated Press. request for one or more war saving or thrift stamps, but owing to the the eastbound embargo on corn and unusual rush of business, I have been unable to give this matter my removed led to a sharp upturn in the individual attention. I had plann- corn and oats market on the exed to put an extra force out, but change here today. our country needed most of the en-The representatives of the cen- ergetic young men, and they are \$1.26 1-2. Oats rose three cents. mil powers informed the Russians serving you and the children in an-

This is a personal appeal to you immaries but desired to to help me and the children. I am been the results of Russia's efforts not going to forget the children, minime the allies to make peace. but I want you to help me more. They said this point of view \$600,000 in war savings stamps mor will not withstand the hard hitment be changed however, and that next year. I know from experience ting American bullet, it has been to discuss that the county is more than equal

the Ger- to the task; its reputation is known moved from a German prisoner for strength on the Franco-British front mans were of the opinion that the far and wide, and it cannot afford a test was literally chewed to pieces is placed in official dispatches reto lay down. Hickory is asked to by machine gun fire after a rifle ceived here at 154 divisions, take from a third to half the total bullet fired at a good range had amount. Buy some thrift stamps and give a silver dollar.

can get them at the postoffice and put ic pistol did the work it was exthem in the stockings of my little pected they would in this respect. friends. This will show love children and country.

Look for me next Monday night, but have all good children go to bed

Sincerely, SANTA CLAUS.

and the central powers and whatev- THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED

Statesville Landmark.

Folks who can hark back to the period immediately following the War Between the States, remember two things:

Men who had dodged military service, either by direct desertion or through deception and fraud, were held in contempt; and this feeling nage were destroyed. for them generally extended to Lear, King of Britain, worn their families and their descendants cut with the affairs of state, calls through the years-visiting the as three daughters before him to sins of the fathers on the children. make a division of his kingdom in Some of the type were practically proportion with the degree of their ostracised; others. more fortunate, error as to the price of nuts. The the Christmas express in its usual affection for him. Goneril, the el- were tolerated. But few people re- price should have been 25 cents and prompt manner, despite some disar-

Another type held in secret conless the extent of her great love. tempt, and often in open contempt. bestows upon her one third of were men who profiteered during With equal volubility the war. They may have been too and greater exaggeration Regan old or physically unfit for military Kewise wins another third. Corde- service; or may have served in with her sisters' sor. some civil capacity, that permitted the holidays from Albemarle. replies that she loves them to stay at home. After the as far as duty commands. With great conflict when the country he other daughters' honeyed flattery was revastated and the masses deshis ears. Cordelia's speech fails titute, a few men were found well please hear and he angrily dis-fixed. They had taken advantage owns her as an unnatural daughter of opportunities and made a stake, share to the others, sometimes at the expense of men The yours king of France recog- away at the front, or at the expense hites her true worth and takes her of the government, which was in the to his own country as his bride. end at the expense of all the people. McIntosh, before going to Startown They were referred to as men who to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. had "kept out of the war" and made A. C. Shuford. money while their friends and neigh-

ors were at the front. all the types mentioned will be objects of public wrath, and if any there be who are falling in the state of there be who are falling in any or these now they had better take heed. The day will come when they will feel public wrath. The slacker who dodges military service through deception will be marked. Morally he is no better than the de- By the Associated Press. serter- he who runs away. A great offender is the slacker in civil life, tion of the government shipping exhaustive study of the training not liable for military service, who board and the emergency fleet cor- progress at the American army refuses to do his bit; who doesn't poration under the resolution of camp there. buy Liberty bonds, War Saving Cer- Senator Harding, which the senate Washington, Dec. 20.—At the fed- tificates or Thrift Stamps; doesn't adopted, the senate committee decontribute to the Red Cross, the ar- cided to begin tomorrow afternoon tion of the Chicago stock yards here my Y. M. C. A. or any of the wortoday, F. R. Hart, one of the princ. thy causes to help make life easier pal figures of the industry, testified and better for the men in the ranks; hat it had been agreed to pay J. who sneers at meatless and wheat-Orden Armour all the company's less days and laughs at food coning several days in the city. tarnings over nine per cent to pre servation; whose sole purpose is to big get what he can and do nothing,

the commission's investigator, was that the Stock Yards Company was grees worse than the last type deorganized to retain the big packing scribed—is the man who engages in plant there. With other sensation- profiteering in foodstuffs; who al testimony to show that the complany was organized to keep the unreasonable profits, engineers deals plant from being moved away a letter was read from a Boston broke. big money at the expense of the who assisted from a Boston broke. big money at the expense of the sugar shortage was laid while May 28.88 saying the scheme was a wild one to because they can't pay the price. A refiners held large stocks last Febru- July \_\_\_\_\_\_ 28.59 highwayman is an honest man and ary by sensational stories of a

God forbid that the military the American Sugar Refining Com- Cotton -- --forces of the Huns shall ever set pany, testified today. He did not foot on American soil. but some take part in this propoganda. people could be reconciled in a meas- Consumers began to hoard, FOR SALE—One pair Mules, harnote, Phone 205-K J. M. Wal.

People could be reconciled in a measure to their coming for a little said, and during the spring and sumwhile if they would deal only with mer demands on the refiners were unwhile if they would deal only with mer demands on the refiners were unthe last two classes mentioned—the precedented. When the consumers
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precedented. The refiners did not income. Phone 205-K. J. M. Wal- iteers. All that could be done to es. The refiners did not increase

# KAISER'S PEACE SOME COODDOPE READY TO PRINT ITALIANS AND GERMBNS GIVEN WORLD

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20 .- What pur- By the Asso ports to be an outline of the kaiser's London, D.

ow the lines said to have been writ- was increasing. ten by Foreign Minister von Kuehl- The premier said the sinking of mann last summer. At that time substarines was increasing. Althey were denounced as having though the merchant tonnage was been written purely for political down 20 per cent, he added the lospurposes. The so-called terms are had been only six per cent of imsaid to have left the disposition of ports over that of last year. Alsace-Lorraine to a plebiscite of the inhabitants.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- Rumors that oats was to be lifted and that the maximum price of corn was to be

May corn adanvced 6 3-4 cents to

AMERICAN BULLETS PIERCE ARMOR OF GERMAN SOLDIERS

With the American Army in France, Dec. 19 .- By the Associat-A heavy breastplate torn a hole in the armor as big as force amassed there last July when

SUBMARINES AND MINES SINK 17 BRITISH SHIPS

London, Dec. 20 .- Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,-600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or subma rine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or to maintain a considerable superiority submarine in the past week are in numbers on the French front. slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1600 tons and seven under that ton

## CORRECTION AS TO PRICE

In the advertisement of Umstead & Yoder yesterday, there was an up, instead of 55 cents, as erroneously stated.

The snow is moving away these days but not too rapidly.

Prof. James R. Price is home for WUNTIOU

Mr. E. L. Bumgarner, a law student at the University, is at home from Chapel Hill.

Miss Sarah Shuford, who is teaching at Henderson, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. C. E.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON college in this city. The officer will have charge of the coordination of the army training work through-

Washington, Dec. 20.-Investiga-

Lieutenant Carl D. Moore has re-

## OUD CUCAR FAMINE weakened after the call under lo-UUN JUUAN TAIVIINL cal and Wall Street selling.

Brown overcoat. Return hypocrite who robs under cover of ed by the industrial workers of the

By the Associated Press.

-Speaking in the Washington, Dec. 20 .- Some two much advertised "Christmas peace house of common today David Lloyd score or more of telegrams which terms" has reached here through a George, the prime minister, said that passed between Count von Luxburg, neutral diplomatic channel, which the margin of losses at sea was nar-earlier in the week announced its rowing. The sinkings by submather the German foreign office will be rines, he declared, were growing made public today by the state de-In the main terms prescribed fol- less and the production of ships partment in agreement with the Argentine government which will publish them simultaneously

Buenos Aires. Exposure of Count von Luxburg's 'sink without trace" cablegram by Secretary Lansing was what caused a rupture of diplomatic relations between Argentina and Germany.

### Regarding the military situa-tion, Mr. Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hoped-for hd:) been realized. This disappointment, he added, was the result of Russian TALIANS REPULSED The Germans, he said, had only one success and this was the result of a surprise, which is being investigateu. The Germans, he stated, had lost

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian

nans were repulsed yesterday, the German war office announced. and Piave rivers.

CHRISTIANS AT JERUSALEM MISTREATED BY THE TURKS

Washington, Dec. 20 .- An official lispatch received here from France says that the Turks before surrendering Jerusalem to the British brutally mistreated Christian priests carried off the famous treasure of ward, Mrs. E. L. Shuford, chair-ward, Mrs. J. L. Riddle, chair-flicting heavy losses on the enemy, were forced to retire to new positions. the church of the Holy Sepuichre valued at millions of dollars and ceived, 2; second war, Mrs. A. K. sent to Berlin the church's celebrat- Joy, chairman, total received, 3; ed ostensory of brilliant's.

within one division of the great Monseignor Camessei, the patrithe German military effort against Father Piccardo, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turdrafts upon the younger classes of kish brutalities.

reservists have enabled the kaiser The Church of the Holy Sepulchre not only to \ake up the enormous had remained unmolested heretofore losses suffered in bloody bullets with during all the centuries of Moslem the allies, but to replace the men occupation of Jerusalem.

sent to aid the Austrians in their in-The same dispatch told of indigvasion of Italy. Winter, therefore nation among Musselmen of Asia finds the Germans with armies fac-Minor over the action of a German ng the aliles in France virtually general in establishing staff headequal to the largest ever before quarters in the great Mosque of mustered, with advertisement of a the City of Aleppa, near the Syrian great offensive which may presage

## DEATH OF MRS. WARLICK

Mrs. Mariam Warlick, wife of Eli Warlick, who is in the army at Camp Jackson, died at her home in SUNDAY FOR DELIVERY Newton Wednesday afternoon a: the result of cancer. She was op-The Southern Express Company erated on at Statesville several weeks will be open all day Sunday to reago, but there was no hope for her eive or deliver packages and the life. Mrs. Warlick was 23 years wagon also will be busy. The local old and is a daughter of Mrs. T. W office is hopeful of taking care of

Long and the late Dr. Long. She was a pretty and attractive young woman and was as good as she was loveable. For several years she had been in bad health. She was well known in Hickory and on several occasions was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black-

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon and the burial will be at Catawba.

TWO GAMES TONIGHT

BENEFIT RED CROSS

Two games of basket ball will be played at the armory tonight-the high school boys against a team of town boys and high school girls against an independent team of girls. The proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross needs. The public is invited.

### Washington, Dec. 20.-Major General John F. Morrison has been appointed director of military training with headquarters at the war college in this city. The officer out the United States in order to

By the Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn, Dec. 20 .- Eleven

miners were killed in an explosion of mine No. 3 of the Barbour Coal and Coke Company about three miles west of Nemo, Tennessee, late Wednesday, according to reports received here today. Seventy-five men were in the mine at the time. The explosion is believed to have resulted from the ignition of a gas pocket or from the premature discharge New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton of a keg of powder in the mine. market opened steady today at an Officials differ as to which of these causes is direct.

## bles. There were overnight buying orders around the ring, but they were soon supplied and the market 30.57

By the Associated Press.

Close

29.60

29.18

28 88

-29c of sea island, the census bureau an- of American destroyers was already eighth grade purchasing the instru-Wheat \_\_\_\_ \$2.40 nounced today.

# CONTINUE HARD BATTLE

Defenders Forced to Yield Position After Much Fighting - Russo-German Peace Situation Little Changed—Teutons Are Repulsed in France by Allies.

Mr. D'Anna wired Rev. Francis D. Boyer that Hickory had received 197 new members up to Wednesday night. As usual Hickory is doing what it has been asked to is doing what it has been asked to counter attacks against the position do, and it is hoped that others who recently captured by the Austro-Ger- hae not as yet given in their dollar to join will do so. Call Mr. D'Anna over the phone or mail him has proposed to the bolsheviki that Since December 11 the Teutons your dollar and he will see that have taken nearly 9,000 prisoners your name is added to the list and civil strife come to an end by declaring the independence of the Don in the fighting between the Brenta that you receive a button and ser-

The Atlanta office states that they ere completely out of service flags, out will send them just as soon as they are received from the printers. The report by the workers at the meeting held Wednesday afternoon is as follows:

man; Mrs. J. A. Lentz,, total rethird ward, Miss Warner, chair-man, Mrs. F. P. Abernethy, Mrs. R.

been deposed from his office, and W. B. Ramsay, chairman school committee, Miss Ada Schenck, total received, 23. Miss Eunice Balley, Highland and

> sional men, Misses Louise Jones and Gladys Reid, total 14.

> Total new members, 200. Join in everybody and lets make t another hundred before Christmas. Help the boys who are "Over

### FIND WHISKEY SHIPPED WITH A NUMBER OF TOMBSTONES tons.

Whichita Falls, Text. Dec. 20 .-Significant fumes issuing from among a number of tombstones which nad been jostled about while being the stones. Two negroes have been within seven days from date hereof.

## BRITISH NAVAL EXPERT

en, the British naval expert, who has vice and trial by court-martial. sailed for Europe after spending six nonths in the United States, gave to the Associated Press a state nent in which he said that the canment in which he said that the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage in keeping the world's ship tonnage. from showing a monthly decrease, or will soon do so. Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British admiralty last spring and the participation or the American navy. Mr. Pollen pointed out that six

months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent, annually. While the present rate of attrition is difficult ship laid down by the United States schools tomorrow morning and, within the next 12 months, a Britain's shipbuilding program wili similarly increase month by month

"The significance of this to the fortunes of war does not have to preside at the piano. The children be pointed out," Mr. Pollen continflank attack on allied communica-GINNED all, of the United States, should not be felt in the western theater of war. This is a tremendous result. At the South school the flag will

miralty, Mr. Pollen said: cluding 184,385 round bales and the truth that the belligerency of after the holidays.

110,163 bales of sea island.

America meant not only the cooper-America meant not only the cooper- The individual rooms will be dec-

intelligent critic."

By the Associated Press.

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukranian rada has refused to obey an ultimatum of the bolsheviki government. This order in the capital, due, it is said, to the looting of wine cellars, made necessary a state of siege. The relations between the Ukraine and the bolsheviki hae not been friendly. The bolsheviki troops have not been permitted to cross the Ukraine and the bolsheviki have not dine and several days ago the Ukranians prevented the bolsheviki troops from passing and a battle was fought in which the Ukranians were victors.

Rostov-on-the Don, recently reported captured by the bolsheviki, is dine who according to another ruofficers. The Cossack leader, according to rumor reaching London, claring the independence of the Don territory and providing that the bolsheviki not interfere there.

Between Monte Grappa and the Brenta on the Inalian northern front, the Italians are resisting desperate removal of Austro-German efforts to break through the hills to the plains. The Italians, after withstanding strong attacks and in-

checked in several attempts to cross the river.

On the western front the Gerarch of Jerusalem, is said to have C. Buchanan, total received, 17. Mrs. dications of where their strong guns continue to bombard various sectors from the North sea to Switzerland, including the Ypres sector, East Hickory, 16; Booth, Lutz & zeriand, including the parties are harrassing Hickory Drug Co., by the Do As the British soldiers. Enemy raid-You Please Club, 65; Mrs. H. the British Southers.
You Please Club, 65; Mrs. H. ing parties have been repulsed an D'Anna, chairman merchants and while the French have repulsed an banks, Miss Julia Wheeler, total, 26; attack at Regneville, northwest of Miss Kate Elliott, chairman profes- Verdun. Germany's present strength on the western front is expected to approximate the maximum reached last July when it was 155 divisions. The allies are believed to have a

superiority on this front. British shipping losses for the past week totaled 17, a decrease of four compared to the past week. The reduction was in vessels under 1,600

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO REGISTRANTS Under jurisdiction of this local board whose order numbers are behipped to this city attracted the at- tween No. 1 and No. 652, inclusive ention of revenue officers and re- there has this day been mailed to sulted in the discovery of a quantity you a questionaire which you are reof whiskey placed in a box among quired by law to execute and return

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to ex ceed one year's imprisonment; and TALKS ABOUT TONNAGE such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your im-New York, Dec. 20---Arthur Pol- mediate induction into military ser-GORDON WILFONG, 12 20 tf Member of Local Board.

Although the exercise s at o estimate, it appeared that last new West school will not be held tomonth Great Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost; the first since the war has been launched, o'clock of a kind that will appeal to parents and children. The public substantial portion of the 6,090,000 is invited and it is hoped the parents tons provided for in this country especially will be present to show will undoubtedly be affoat. Great their interest in the pupils and the schools. The hour is 9 o'clock. At the West school the Junior Or-

and moreover the campaign of the der will present a flag and Mr. allied navies against the submarine Bascom Blackwelder will make a pawill grow in value week by week, he triotic address. Rev. R. M. Courtney will speak on the Christmas spirit, and Mrs Geo. E. Bisanar will will sing Christmas and patriotic "It means that Germany's airs, and a solo will be rendered. At the North school Mr. R. H.

tions has failed and there is no Shuford will present the flag and reason why ultimately the full mili- Rev. J. G. Garth will talk on the tary power of Great Britain, France Christmas spirit. Here too patriand Italy, and, most important of otic and Christmas songs will be all, of the United States, should not rendered and Mrs. Geo. Bailey will

Speaking of the change in the be presented by Mr. Chas. W. Bagchief command of the British ad- by and the piano, which was purchased by the mothers of that dis-"In bringing about this new order trict will be presented by Mrs. N. Washingto (Dec. 20.—Cotton of things at Whitehall, the reform-ginned prior to December 13 am- ers were undoubtedly assisted, on the part of these good ladies.

at work in a very important area ment for the high school. The col-Last year to December 13 ginnings of the theatre of war, and next by ored patrons have knough money for were 10,838,799 running bales, in- the British goernment waking up to an organ and that will be in use

For North Carolina: Cloudy and Ginnings by states this year in- ation of a very gallant and enter- orated and trachers and pupils slightly warmer tonight and Friday. cludes: North Carolina, 521,600; prising ally, but the domestication, have gone to trouble to make their Probably snow or rain Friday in South Carolina, 1,111,240; Virginia, so to speak of a new and extremely rooms beautiful. Members of city intelligent critic." council have been invited.

em trade commission's investiga-The general effect of testimony the commission's investigator. What the may live.

Next and the greatest offender of the commission's investigator. What the may live is the commission's investigator. When the commission's investigator.

evade the law against rebates.

LOST -Knight Templar chain. Finder return to J. A. Martin.

12 20 2t | them they would deserve.

## WEATHER FORECAST

west portion, light variable winds. 15,456.

HICKORY MARKETS