

### GUESTS AT SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED GREATLY IMPRESSED

Dr. and Mrs. McNairy and Assistants Were Hosts Saturday

### PROMINENT PEOPLE THERE

State-at-Large Represented and Visitors Delighted With Work of School, As Shown In Exercises Given and Property Inspection

About 100 people accepted the invitation of Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Feeble-Minded, to be his guests at the institution, two miles west of the city Saturday evening. Forty-eight Kinstonians, a number of Lenoir county folk from the country, and several distinguished citizens motored or drove there late in the afternoon. Threatening weather prevented an even larger number from enjoying the hospitality of Dr. McNairy and family and the faculty of the school.

At 5:30 o'clock the visitors were conducted over the grounds and the buildings were inspected. The admirable system called forth many compliments for those in charge of the institution. On every hand it was in evidence, in the well-kept dormitories and central building and all around the big grounds. The buildings impressed the guests as being bright and comfortable and housing a happy colony of inmates.

At 6:30 o'clock children, aided by teachers, rendered a program of exercises in the assembly room of the girls' dormitory. Instrumental numbers, songs, recitations and a clever kindergarten motion picture set to music were excellently carried out. The progress of the inmates in the short time they have been the charges of Dr. McNairy and his efficient assistants surprised the audience. The little folks were as apt in their parts as are normal children, usually, on such occasions. Miss Sallie Shaw, head of the faculty, beamed her pleasure at the success of the occasion and the auditors congratulated the participants and their instructors generously.

The dinner, with about a hundred at table, was started in the central building at 7:30 o'clock. The following menu was served:

Oyster Cocktail, Barbecue, Turkey, Cranberries, Pickles, Nut Salad, Mince Pie, Pumpkin Custard, Coffee, Ice Cream and Cake, Fruit.

Rev. George B. Hanrahan, pastor of Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church, invoked a blessing upon the feast and the diners.

The speeches were numerous. Mayor Fred I. Sutton started the program off with "Our City." Our city, according to his version, which, of course, was accepted as authoritative by nearly all present, is about as near to a Utopian community as exists anywhere.

Mr. George Javrot, speaking for the neighborhood, discussed the friendship of "We Country Folks" for the new State institution.

Hon. N. J. Rouse spoke of "Our School." The speech was declared by one prominent man among the very representative gathering to be a "gem." Mr. Rouse's address embodied a sentiment shared by all his hearers.

Rev. H. A. Humble, pastor of the Queen Street Methodist church, spoke upon "Feeble-Mindedness from a Religious Viewpoint." The quaintness of religion is service to the needy, he stated.

Mr. Barron Caldwell, superintendent of the Kinston City Schools, discussed "Feeble-Mindedness from an Educator's Standpoint." There had been much said about the subject in many educational meetings he had attended during the past decade. Supt. Caldwell said, but he had learned more in his present visit to the State school than in all the ten years. As an educator, he complimented Miss Shaw upon the thoroughness of her methods, and their results.

Col. E. E. Shaw gave the lawyer's idea of the subject in his speech on "Feeble-Mindedness From a Legal Standpoint."

Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jackson-

### THAW SCORES DECISION IN FIRST BOUT IN N. Y.

Justice Davis Denied Jerome's Application to Have Notorious Prisoner Remanded to Matteawan Asylum—In Tombs.

(By the United Press.) New York, Jan. 25.—Harry Thaw won the first preliminary bout over his return to Matteawan today, when Justice Davis denied the request of Attorney Jerome to return Thaw to Matteawan. He will stay in his cell at the Tombs prison, where he was safely landed Sunday after being brought here from New Hampshire.

### PROMPT PROTEST HAS BEEN MADE IN EACH CASE

Bryan in Lengthy Document Sent to Stone Defends America's Action in Protecting Foreign Interference With Shipping.

(By the United Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The U. S. Government today issued a lengthy defense of its interpretation of the rights and duties of a neutral in the European war.

A document of 5,000 words long, prepared by President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counsellor Robert Lansing of the State Department, after several days of consultation, was made public in the form of a letter from the Secretary of State to Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

While the letter is a reply to an inquiry from Senator Stone for information as a result of complaints made in the press and in letters from various parts of the country charging the Washington government with unfairness to Germany and Austria, it also is intended as a pronouncement of policy on some questions of neutrality previously unexplained.

The letter answers nineteen separate and specific charges and calls attention to the fact that the United States has promptly taken to task Great Britain as well as Germany and every government which in any way has infringed upon the rights of this country.

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

### AUSTRIAN PREMIER REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED.

Rome, Jan. 24.—A dispatch from Vienna says Count Sturgis, the Austrian premier, has resigned.

ville, "silver-tongued orator of the East," stated in his talk upon "The Forefathers of the Institution" that Lenoir county was the birthplace of the idea for the school. Dr. Ira M. Hardy, a Lenoir man, originated the plan, and the Seaboard Medical Society's achievement, the Jacksonville man said.

Dr. J. M. Parrott discussed "Feeble-Mindedness from a Medical Standpoint." The noted physician made one of the best speeches of the evening. He showed how the school was productive of improvement of the people in a number of lines.

Dr. A. A. Kent of Lenoir, N. C., a member of the Legislature, declared in his discourse upon "The State's Duty to Its Feeble-Minded" that Kinston had done well by the institution, and assured his hearers that it would grow, and that its expansion would accrue to no other community's benefit like Kinston's.

Miss Mary Sewardburg, a mission worker taking the whole scope of life in the western counties of the State for her task, made a very edifying talk. She was well acquainted with her subject.

The final number on the speech-making program was by Hon. Mark Majette of Columbia, N. C., State Senator, and one of the first friends of the School for the Feeble-Minded. Senator Majette responded to the toast, "He Has Seen Us, and What He Thinks of Us." The senator declared he was delighted with what he had seen, predicted a useful future and a wider scope for the school.

The evening's pleasures came to an end at 11:30, when the guests returned to the city, all much gratified at what they had witnessed and heard, well-filled as the result of the efforts of Dr. McNairy and his co-workers, and entertaining very cordial opinions of the host and his assistants.

### HEAVY RAINS HAVE SHIPS BADLY USED CAUSED NEUSE RIVER TO LEAVE ITS BANKS

Western Side Is Inundated and Water Still Rising—Railroad Service to Southern Part of Country Suspended Indefinitely

As the result of hard rains recently Neuse river is at the highest stage in years. At points upstream it has overflowed into fields, and is threatening livestock and other property. Opposite this city the river is out of bounds, with the prospect that it will continue to rise for some time. Heavy freshets up the river are not due for some hours. Old river men say the flood will reach and probably exceed the proportions of the one several years ago, when the water reached the level of first-story windows on the west side of the stream from here.

Trains on the Kinston-Carolina Railroad have been annulled indefinitely. One section of the track about fifteen feet in length has been washed away, and more of it is threatened by the rising tide. Passengers on an incoming train this morning were required to walk from the break into the city.

The rain which began here Saturday night continued almost without let-up from a drizzle to a downpour for more than twenty-four hours. Heavy winds which accompanied the precipitation early Sunday morning reached velocity sufficient to blow down trees but did little damage to property. The rainfall was very heavy throughout the section, but no reports have come in of damage in the outlying country.

### CRY CEASE FIGHTING THAT THEY MAY EAT

People of Lower Hungary Protest Against Iron Hand of War De-N Against Iron Hand of War De-N Against Iron Hand of War De-N

(By the United Press.) Rome, Jan. 24.—Serious outbreaks are occurring in lower Hungarian cities. Citizens are protesting the continuance of the war and the resultant increase in food prices. It is reported that messages have been sent to Budapest in protest. Demonstrations approaching riots occurred in many cities this week.

### EQUAL SUFFRAGE BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, N. C., January 23.—Senator Hobgood in the Senate, and Robert of Buncombe in the House introduced bills to amend the constitution so that women will have the right of ballot on equality with men. The bills carry an amendment to the grandfather clause so that similar regulations will apply to women until 1918.

Hobgood introduced a bill in the Senate to pay families of town and county convicts some compensation for the work of the convicts.

The Nash bill for arbitral courts came up as a special order and was deferred indefinitely.

The House passed the Senate bill allowing women to be notary publics and then reconsidered it, making the measure a special order for Tuesday of next week.

### SOUND REFUSES TO GIVE UP VICTIMS.

New Bern, Jan. 22.—Late reports from Engelhard, the point nearest to the effect that the searchers who since last Saturday have been endeavoring to locate the bodies of J. W. Murray of Burlington, Mrs. W. E. Poreh of Beaufort and J. P. Dodson of Norfolk, Va., who lost their lives when the yacht Julia burned to the had met with no success.

### BRITISH SINK GERMAN SUPPLY SHIP.

London, Jan. 24.—The admiralty announced yesterday that an unnamed British battleship had sunk a supply ship for the German cruisers in Pacific-Australian waters. The crew has been imprisoned. It is supposed the supply ship furnished the German cruiser Bremen with supplies.

Belgian Relief Ship from Frisco Towed Into Halifax Minus Her Rudder

### MORE GERMAN PROTESTS

Claim Now That U. S. Is Making Airships for England and Russia—Sayre Baby Gets More Shoes Than Can Try On

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Italian freight steamer, Angelo Parodi, was dashed to pieces off Atlantic City by a strong south gale. The revenue cutter Itasca has gone to her assistance.

Secretary Bryan has made complete answer to the German protest at United States' neutrality policy. President Wilson today greeted Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of the famous Confederate general, Robert E. Lee.

The Belgium relief ship Camino, which was disabled in the North Atlantic en route to Belgium, put into Halifax today. She was in tow of a tramp steamer, the Kanawha, which caught her distress signal Saturday about 100 miles off Halifax. A disabled rudder was the cause of the Camino's distress.

Leaking badly and with masts destroyed, the schooner, Mary L. Baxter, is in distress thirty-five miles south of Cape Henry. The cutter Seminole has gone to the rescue.

Germany today protested to the State Department at the manufacture of hydro-aeroplanes in the United States for use in England and Russia. The note declared that the Curtis works had sold England six hydro-planes and thirty-five others of different types, were now under construction. Also that Russia had ordered a number for use by her navy. Francis Sayre is doing fine. He has been the recipient of more shoes than he could wear out in a lifetime. Gifts from all parts of the country are arriving.

### 28 DEPUTIES JAILED FOR MURDERING TWO STRIKING LABORERS

Face Trial for First Degree Murder—Sheriff Blames the Strikers

### TREATS OF DYNAMITING

Other Men Walk Out in Fear Families Will Be Killed—Officials Afraid for Public Funeral of Victims

(By the United Press)

Roosevelt, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Twenty-eight deputy sheriffs who killed two strikers last Tuesday are in the county jail at New Brunswick charged with murder in the first degree. Armed guards still patrol the fertilizer plant. Admittance is refused to all. Roosevelt officials fear public funerals for the two victims would rouse the strikers to violence.

Engineers, oilers and firemen employed in the Leibig, Armour and Williams & Clark plants quit work today. They told the officials that during the night they received letters threatening their families with death if they continued to work. Many were told that their homes would be dynamited.

Special Session to Probe Strike. New Brunswick, Jan. 23.—The Middlesex county grand jury will probe the case of the strikers at Roosevelt at a special session beginning Tuesday morning. The sheriff claims the strikers fired first shots.

### HUERTA SUPPORTER HAS A NEW PEACE PLAN FOR MEXICO

Carranzistas Make Progress and Take Guadalajara—Obregon Reinforced By Yaquis—Would Call Back Former Huerta Friends

(By the United Press)

Guadalajara, Mexico, Jan. 25.—This point fell into the hands of Carranzistas Sunday. Eight hundred Yaqui Indians arrived from Puebla to reinforce Obregon. Arturo Elias, a former Huerta supporter, is starting a new peace movement, urging all former Huerta supporters to return to Mexico.

### GUARDS OVERPOWERED BY BANDITS, WHO ESCAPE

Three Desperados in Syracuse, N. Y. Jail Put Gun in Attendant's Face and Demand Keys—Escaped in Taxicab

(By the United Press)

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The police are searching for three bandits who last night escaped from the county jail after forcing the guard at the point of a gun to give them his keys. Their escape was made in a taxi which had evidently been provided by confederates.

### REIGN OF TERROR IN MEXICO CITY

Convention Garrison Discharged Police and Other Civil Officials and Outrages and Panic Followed—Numerous Charges.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—A reign of terror in Mexico City exists as a result of outrages committed by Villa's and Zapata's soldiery. Zapatistas have dismissed the police force and employees of the government. Panic, disorder and outrages resulted.

### CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY



New Photograph of the crown prince in full uniform.

### ENGLISH AIRMAN DROPS BOMBS ON KRUPP PLANT

Destroyed Automobile Works and Four Hundred Machines—Being Made for German Army—Works Located in Essen

(By the United Press)

Amsterdam, Jan. 25.—The Krupp automobile works and 400 completed machines were destroyed by bombs dropped on Essen by a British airman. Essen is in Rhine Province and the machines were under construction for the German army.

### JUDGE PEEBLES OPENS FIRST COURT OF YEAR

Over 260 Cases Docketed for One-Week Term, But None Important—Few Jail Cases—Judge's Charge to the Jury.

The January term of criminal Superior Court sat here this morning. Judge R. B. Peebles opened the term at 10 o'clock. It is the first court of the year here, the civil term scheduled for earlier in the month having been called off at the instance of the Bar Association. Judge Peebles will conduct all the spring courts here, until June 30. His home is at Jackson, N. C.

The docket is fairly heavy. There are between 200 and 270 cases listed. However, there is not a single case of more than ordinary interest, and none promises to be hard to try. Many are for failure to list taxes. There are the usual number of "c. c. w.", "a. and b." and similar matters which can be quickly disposed of, and although the term lasts but six days it is expected that the docket will be nearly wiped off in that time. There are less than a dozen jail cases. These, of course, will be given the preference by the court.

Judge Peebles charged the grand jury about 10:30 o'clock. He called attention to the peculiarly constructed laws which have made America a great land in a short time, and which allow to the citizens of the United States privileges and liberties not enjoyed by those of any other nation. He dwelt upon the responsibility which the jury was to assume in view of these conditions, and explained to it thoroughly technical rules which should govern it during its incumbency.

### ROUMANIA TAKESTHE LAST STEPS FOR WAR

Hospitals Established in Schoolhouses and War Stamps Issued—Austro-German Diplomats Strive to Prevent Declaration.

(By United Press)

Rome, Jan. 24.—German-Austrian diplomats are making a desperate effort to prevent Roumania from entering the war on the side of the Allies. According to reports, Roumania is preparing for an invasion of Transylvania. Roumanian schoolhouses have been converted into hospitals. War postage stamps have already been issued.

### MRS. AYCOCK'S CHANCES BETTER OVER SUNDAY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—That Mrs. C. B. Aycock will be appointed postmaster at Raleigh became increasingly apparent here today, although there has been no tangible development in the situation since yesterday. North Carolinians here have become convinced, however, that her appointment, aside from being a good solution of a political tangle, will be the most popular appointment in the State.

### WILMINGTON STILL HOPES FOR BASEBALL

Wilmington, Jan. 24.—A meeting of baseball fans of Wilmington, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and other eastern North Carolina towns will be held in Wilmington the latter part of next week in an effort to revive the old Eastern Carolina League. The opinion prevails here that a league will be organized. So far, all the towns in the eastern part of the State have manifested interest in the proposition except New Bern, and it is thought that she, too, will eventually fall in line.

### DARING ASSAULT BY GERMAN FLEET UPON ENGLAND REPULSED

British Fought Enemy Back to Mine Field Off Coast at Heligoland

### BIG CRUISER DESTROYED

Only 123 of the Bluecher's 885 Men Saved—Raid By German Aviators In Allies' Uniforms Upon City of Dunkirk

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The sinking of a British battle cruiser in the naval engagement in the North Sea yesterday morning is officially claimed. The loss of the German cruiser Blucher is officially admitted. It is claimed the other German ships have returned but little damaged. Four German battle cruisers, four small cruisers and two torpedo boats engaged a British fleet of five battle cruisers and several smaller cruisers and twenty-six torpedo boat destroyers.

English Account of the Battle. London, Jan. 25.—It is reported that a four-funnelled German cruiser, badly damaged, was sighted off the Holland coast early today, going at half speed for the Island of Borkum. Only 123 of the crew of 885 of the Blucher were rescued.

German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk Friday, painted with the tri-color of France under their side wings. Twelve German aviators wore uniforms of the Allies. Nine were killed and twelve wounded at Dunkirk. Unconfirmed reports say American Consular Agent Banj Morel was badly wounded. A shell partially demolished the American consulate. It is reported that a German pilot and observer was captured when one Taube raided Dunkirk, and was shot down. The men were executed. They wore English and French uniforms. The official statement does not mention the sinking of a British battle cruiser in the North Sea. An engagement is admitted. The British abandoned the fight off Heligoland. It is declared pursuit was dangerous because of the German mine fields. The British statement gives no British losses of ships or men.

Pontoon Bridges Destroyed. Paris, Jan. 25.—German pontoon bridges across the Meuse at St. Mihiel were blown to pieces by French shells. The shells fell in the city of St. Mihiel and caused considerable losses among the German defenders. The French have made gain east of St. Georges and near the seacoast. Many Bavarian prisoners have been taken. An infantry attack was made on Lorraine. The German infantry attacks on Bery-au-Bac were repulsed. In the champagne region the French have demolished the German earthworks. From the river Lys southward to the Oise severe cannonading is in progress.

German Claim Everything. Berlin, Jan. 25.—The French advance in the Rhine and lower Alsace regions has been repulsed with heavy loss. The Hartmannsweller German artillery halted the French charge. Four hundred dead among French and many prisoners taken. The Russian attacks on Gumbinnen in East Prussia were repulsed. The War Department officially denied the Russian claim that the Germans were pushed back twenty or thirty miles in Pilsa.

Russians Repulse Germans. Petrograd, Jan. 25.—The German armies advanced on Vangard, the main fortress protecting Warsaw, on the south, but were repulsed. Bloody battles have occurred in Vincelynof and near the railroad bridge crossing the Pilsa. The Russians are making progress at Fortress Thorn. The Austrians are attempting to resume the offensive at Bukovina.

### WHEAT MADE NEW RECORD ON CHICAGO MARKET

(By the United Press) Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat reached a new high mark today, when it went to \$1.45 per bushel.