

THAT KINSTON WILL ENTERTAIN THE FARMERS OF LENOIR AND ADJOINING COUNTIES IN A DISTRICT FAIR NEXT FALL ASSURED

Mass Meeting of Citizens Held in City Hall Thursday Night at the Instance of the Chamber of Commerce Went on Record as Favoring the Enterprise Which Will Enable the Producers of This Section to Exhibit Their Products in Friendly Rivalry, and Which Will Stimulate Better Methods of Agriculture, the Breeding of Blooded Stock and a Better Acquaintance Among the People Throughout Eastern North Carolina and the Bright Leaf Tobacco Belt—Mr. Ragsdale Heard With Interest—Committee to Solicit Stock Subscriptions and Organize Fair Association Named

The proposed Kinston District Fair took definite shape Thursday night at a well-attended mass-meeting of citizens, called by the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the project, when practically every man present stood at the request of Chairman Taylor and indicated his intention to subscribe for one or more shares of the stock.

Mr. J. F. Taylor, chairman of the special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on the proposition for some time, was chosen chairman of the mass meeting, and H. Galt Braxton made secretary. Mr. Taylor outlined the ideas of the committee in an informal way and called upon Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, secretary and manager of the Johnston County Fair, which has been so successfully conducted for the past several years. Mr. Ragsdale was present by invitation and told of the work that had been done in his county. His fair, he said, was started on a very small scale, the first two years being only a street fair. The present corporation was formed with \$2,400 capital subscribed in \$10 shares. A ground plot was leased for ten years, and the \$2,400 expended in permanent improvements. The stock of the corporation is non-participating, all net earnings being diverted for premiums and the general betterment of the succeeding fairs. Mr. Ragsdale answered numerous questions of those present. A letter from Colonel A. B. Carrington of Danville, Va., addressed to Mr. E. V. Webb of this city, was read, in which Col. Carrington spoke of the great benefits that had been derived from the Danville fair and expressed his hope that Kinston would succeed in its undertaking to organize one. The formal recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce committee were then heard. They were as follows:

"Resolved, first, That we have a fair.
"Resolved, second, That the purpose prompting the organization of this fair association is to enable the counties of Lenoir, Green, Pitt, Duplin, Jones, Wayne, Onslow, Craven and the entire eastern section of the bright leaf tobacco belt, of which Kinston is the center, to annually display and exhibit the manifold products of its farms and varied industries this section does produce, and can supply."
"Resolved, third, That there be organized a non-profit-sharing corporation with an authorized capital of not less than \$5,000 with authority to organize when \$2,000 has been paid in."
"Resolved, fourth, That a committee of seven be appointed to solicit stock and proceed with the organization of a fair association."

The recommendations were unanimously adopted and plans for the fair informally discussed by those present. A motion prevailed that the present committee of five, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, augmented by two others, should constitute the committee provided for in the resolutions. This committee is constituted as follows: Messrs. J. F. Taylor, F. C. Dunn, N. J. Rouse, P. S. B. Harper and J. M. Parrott, and Messrs. E. V. Becton and W. D. Hood were named as the additional members.

It was the sense of the mass meeting that the par value of the shares of stock should be \$10, and by motion the committee was instructed to solicit on that basis.

It is the plan to organize as soon as \$2,000 have been paid in and the committee expects to begin active work at once in order that the fair for next fall may be arranged for. The exhibitors will probably come from Lenoir and adjoining counties. There will be a midway and horse-

tracing. Horses from the racing circuits will be arranged for and local breeders from this and surrounding counties will be given special inducements to enter their stock in home competitions.

TO RAISE MONUMENT TO RUSSIAN HEROINE

Petrograd, Jan. 25. (By mail to New York)—A popular subscription is being raised in Odessa for a suitable monument to the remarkable heroine of Mile. Ludomila Alexinsky, of the Red Cross.
In the battle of Gumbinnen in August, while helping to carry a wounded man out of the line of fire, she was hit by a bullet in the hand. Immediately after her recovery she was transferred to the army in Galicia where she was present in three battles, during one of which she was under fire for 17 hours.

On another occasion a doctor whom she was assisting was killed by a shell, his body being blown against Mile. Alexinsky with such force that she was stunned. After a brief rest she again returned to the front and helped to succor numerous German wounded left behind at Ragow.
Later she went to South Poland, and at the storming of Petrokov she was again wounded, this time in the shoulder. Blood-poisoning ensued and she died in great agony.

ATTENTION CALLED BY RESOLUTION TO OPERATION OF MILLS

Annual Meeting the Kinston Cotton Mills Held Thursday—Declared Dividend—Regular Work of Mills Commended

At the annual meeting Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, the stockholders of the Kinston Cotton Mills declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent, in spite of the fact that recent months have not been especially encouraging ones for the industry at large. A large number of the stockholders were present.
Resolutions were passed regretting the death of the late Henry Well of Goldsboro, who at the time of his death during the past year was a director of the local mill. Mr. Well was prominently identified with Kinston's progress. He was a large stock owner in various enterprises here. He was easily one of the most progressive and public-spirited men of this section of the State.

During the past twelve months, the stockholders were informed, about \$25,000 worth of machinery was installed in order that a part of the product might be combed instead of carded yarn, thus making it a finer quality of goods.
Mr. L. J. Mewborne made and Mr. N. J. Rouse seconded a motion that the management be thanked for its policy of keeping the mills at their

WARRING POWERS DARED TO INTERFERE WITH U. S. SHIPPING

England Realizes That America Is Quite Serious In the Matter

"ANY STEPS NECESSARY"

Strong Anti-American Feeling Grows in England—German Government to Be Held "Accountable"—Britons Want Sympathy

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 12.—The United States intends to fully protect all her rights and privileges, is the construction placed here on the American notes to Germany and Great Britain. A strong anti-American feeling is growing throughout England because the United States will not openly express sympathy for the cause of the Allies.

United States' Language Emphatic.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Publication last night by the State Department of the texts of notes sent yesterday to Great Britain and Germany, respectively, revealed that both countries had been warned in most emphatic terms against menacing the vessels or lives of American citizens traversing the recently proclaimed sea zones of war.

Germany was advised that the United States "would be constrained to hold the imperial government to a strict accountability" for any acts of its naval authorities which might result in the destruction of American vessels or the loss of American lives, and that if "such a deplorable situation should arise," the American government would "take any steps that it might be necessary to safeguard American lives and property."

To Great Britain the United States pointed out the "measure of responsibility" which would seem to be imposed on the British government "for the loss of American vessels and lives in case of an attack by a German naval force" if England sanctioned general misuse of the American flag, and thereby cast doubt upon the valid character of neutral ensigns.

DELEGATION WENT TO RALEIGH WITH DR. M'NAIRY TODAY

Will Wait on Legislature's Appropriations Committee and Urge Adequate Allowance for Needs of Feeble-Minded School

A delegation of members of the Chamber of Commerce, including Mayor Sutton, followed Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of the State School for the Feeble-Minded, to Raleigh this morning to appear with him before the legislative appropriations committee this afternoon when the superintendent will ask for a large sum for maintenance and increasing the equipment and new buildings at the institution. Dr. McNairy went to Raleigh Thursday night.

It is not known at exactly what hour the meeting will be held, but it is supposed that it will be a joint session of both the Senate and House committees. The Kinstonians will take pains to let the committeemen know that Kinston is deeply interested in the school's future, and will advance every reason brought to mind for its enlargement. Several new buildings of various kinds are needed at the institution immediately, the legislators will be told.

SAY CARRANZA WAS HOBGOOD ON FLOOR OF SENATE DEFENDS HIS SUFFRAGE BILL

International Law Gave Him the Privilege to Deport Spanish Minister—The VanDyke Incident—Wilson Standing Pat

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 12.—Carranza's action in giving passports to Jose Caro, the Spanish minister, who gave refuge to Angel de Caso, a Spanish subject, is said to be fully justified under international law.
The State Department today protested to the German government against the interference with Minister Van Dyke's communication with Luxemburg. Van Dyke complained that German military forces prevented his letters reaching Luxemburg.

President Wilson stands pat on "no compromise" in the ship purchase bill fight. Arrangements for his western trip have been suspended pending his decision concerning the proposed extra session.
American Warship to Look Out for Minister.
Washington, Feb. 11.—Jose Caro, Spanish minister to Mexico, has been summarily expelled from Mexico by General Carranza. Tonight he was believed to be on his way to Vera Cruz, where the American battleship Delaware lies in the harbor with instructions to offer him a refuge.
News that the minister had been given twenty-four hours from last night to leave Mexico because he is alleged to have sheltered Angel de Caso, a Spanish subject accused of aiding Villa, came to the State Department late today.

After hurried conferences between Secretary Bryan and the Spanish and Brazilian ambassadors here, Secretary Daniels of the navy, cabled Captain Rodgers of the Delaware to take Minister Caro on board and wait orders.
Officials of the British and German embassies today refused to discuss the situation arising from the American notes to the two countries on the matter of British ships flying the American flag. The situation is regarded as extremely delicate, although it is not believed it will result seriously.
Great Britain's supplementary reply to the American protest against British interference with American shipments to neutral countries is reaching the State Department in sections today.
The steamship Washington is reported to have been sunk in the Black Sea yesterday by Russian shells was not of American registry.

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF MUSIC BURNED TODAY

Historic Landmark of the Windy City Destroyed With Loss of \$100,000. Fire Department Captain Injured By Falling Wall.

(By the United Press)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RY.

H. S. Leard, general passenger agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, will probably have two pages of the schedule folder of the company devoted to short historical sketches of the towns along the line. The Chamber of Commerce here will be asked to contribute a few lines about Kinston's history.
"I am sure that no section of the United States is as full of 'before-the-war' stories," Mr. Leard tells Local Agent W. J. Nicholson in a letter. These sketches, he thinks, would be of great interest to the patrons of the system. He "somehow feels that North Carolina has not had the publicity along this line to which it is entitled."

MICHIGAN G. O. P. CANDIDATES

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 12.—Michigan republicans met today in Grand Rapids for the annual spring convention of the party. Candidates were to be nominated for the following offices:
Two justices of the supreme court; superintendent of public instruction; two regents of the University of Michigan; one member of the state board of education; and two members of the state board of agriculture.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN WEST RECEIVES A SEVERE SETBACK

Checked Between Nieuport and Sea, According to Paris Reports

PRZEMYSL YET HOLDS OUT

Kaiser On Eastern Front to Encourage Armies in New Zone of Fighting—Carpathians Engagements Not Decisive

(By the United Press)

Paris, Feb. 12.—The campaign for the possession of the Vosges passes and the main roads into upper Alsace has been resumed. The French are bombarding the Germans' long range heavy artillery and an offensive movement is expected. The German offensive from the sea to Nieuport has suffered a severe check. French and Belgian heavy artillery demolished some of the German outer chain of trenches. In the Argonne region fighting for the possession of the roads leading south through Bagatelle and the heights of Marie Therese continues. The Germans have lost more than a thousand in killed during frontal attacks.

Przemysl Garrison "Exhausting Itself."

Petrograd, Feb. 12.—The Germans in the Carpathians continue their desperate efforts to gain a foothold in the passes without success. It is admitted that the fortress of Przemysl is still holding out. An official statement says the garrison is "exhausting itself," maintaining an irregular fire against the Russians' blockading forces.
Kaiser Again at the Front.
Berlin, Feb. 12.—The Kaiser is on the eastern battle front. Fighting of a severe character is progressing along the east Prussian frontier. It is believed the presence of the Kaiser on the battle front indicates the initiation of a new offensive against that portion of the line which has previously been free from fighting.

Weather Bad in East.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—More than half of Bukovina has been evacuated by the Russians. The Austro-German forces have broken through the Russian defensive at least two points in southern Galicia. Weather conditions are very bad at all points along the battle line in the east.

CHANGES IN NORFOLK SOUTHERN SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE SUNDAY

Train No. 7 to Leave at 10.03 A. M., an Advance of 25 Minutes, and Train No. 9 to Depart at 7.53 P. M.—Community Is Pleased

Beginning next Sunday, February 14, two Norfolk Southern trains passing through this city will run under new schedules. Train No. 7, which now comes through in the morning at 10:28, will on and after the 14th arrive at 10:03. This change is occasioned by the agreement of the A. C. L. to restore the former connection with the Norfolk Southern at Goldsboro in the forenoon. About five minutes will be allowed at Goldsboro to change cars for the north.
Train No. 9, now arriving here at 7:38 p. m., will arrive after the change becomes effective, twenty minutes later, at 7:53.
There are no other changes of first-class trains.
No. 7 will leave New Bern at 8:35 instead of at 9:10 as at present. There is general satisfaction over the restoration of the connection, and the moving up of the morning schedule and setting back of the evening train will in other ways benefit Kinston travelers, the latter especially, since it does away with the necessity of remaining in Goldsboro useless minutes when one is bound for points North or West.

SAYS KAISER WOULD NOW WELCOME PEACE

Zurich Correspondent States Emperor Told His Intimates That Germany Must Quit—Would Forsake Austria.
(By United Press)
Paris, Feb. 12.—According to a Zurich correspondent, the Kaiser is in a state of absolute depression. He is said to have told members of his suite that Germany must seek some way to conclude peace. The correspondent declares Germany would readily abandon Austria if she could make satisfactory peace for herself.