

YOU CAN WIN A TOURING CAR IN YOUR SPARE TIME

Golden Festival In Kinston and Vicinity for Coming Weeks Bound to Interest All Who Are Ambitious and Energetic—Two Big 1916 Model Touring Cars—Six Other Valuable Prizes to Be Awarded Faithful Contestants

As predicted by the Contest Manager yesterday, the announcement that The Free Press would give away two touring cars and many other prizes absolutely without cost during the next few weeks, caused much comment, and no little excitement in the City of Kinston as well as the outlying territory covered by the Daily and the Semi-Weekly Free Press.

Many people were quick to see what this campaign could be made to mean to them, and hastened to enter the contest. A large number of nominations have already been received. They have come from nearly every locality where The Free Press circulates. They represent some of the most prominent and best known people in the country.

The full details of this wonderful contest, all about the prizes, how they are to be awarded, how to enter, how to vote, etc., appear in today's issue of The Free Press. Study over the details of this campaign, then enter your name or the name of a friend at once.

The prizes in this great enterprise are many and of great value. There are first of all, two of the very latest model fully equipped Touring Cars. These two cars will be award-

ed to the two people in the contest who secure the two highest vote totals, regardless of district limitations.

For convenience, there are two districts. The City of Kinston is district one, and all territory outside of the city is district two. Each of these two districts will receive three prizes as follows: The First Prize in District One is a Genuine Diamond Ring, perfect cut white stone, value, \$75, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company of Kinston; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, Elgin movements, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 at the First National Bank of Kinston. The First Prize in District Two is a Genuine Diamond Ring similar to the one offered in District One, value, \$75, purchased from the Lynch Jewelry Company; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, similar to the watch in District One, purchased from Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kinston. There will be awarded after the two touring cars in order of the standing in each district. All others who take part in the contest and do not win one of these prizes will be paid a commis-

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PADGETT SAVES THE SECRETARY OF NAVY FROM QUESTIONING

Would Not Let Him Be Interrupted During Very Lengthy Statement

BEVY OF BIG NAVY MEN

Were Ready to Go After Daniels' Scalp—Explains How It Will Be Necessary to Enlist 23,000 Men to Secure Stated Increase

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 30.—The long anticipated heckling of Daniels by big navy men was staved off today by Chairman Padgett of the House naval committee, when the secretary appeared before the committee. Padgett insisted that Daniels be permitted to complete a long statement before being questioned. Daniels explained his plan to increase the navy personnel by fifteen thousand men, and warned the committee against paying too much heed to recommendations of individual officers who do not agree with the general board.

Mr. Daniels explained that to increase the membership by 15,000 men it would be necessary to examine 140,000 applicants and enlist twenty-three thousand, owing to a number of enlistments expiring. Daniels outlines plan. To increase the officers of the navy Mr. Daniels recommended the appointment of 30 civilian engineers each year for ten years, and appointment of 25 civilian aviators each year for five years, as well as continuing the assigning of naval officers to the aviation corps, and the appointment of civilian educators at Annapolis so that a majority of the 90 officers there could be available for active service. He urged the appropriation of \$150,000 for civilian educators at Annapolis.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES SEND ULTIMATUM TO HEADS OF COMPANIES

Demands for 8-Hour Day and Time-and-Half for Overtime Submitted by Leaders of 36,000 Men Threatening to Strike

(By the United Press)
Cleveland, March 30.—Three hundred and sixty thousand employes today submitted demands to 458 American railroads for an 8-hour day and time and a half pay for overtime. The roads are notified that a written answer is expected by April 29.

SAY LENOIR'S LINK HIGHWAY BAD SHAPE

Craven Autoists Criticize Road's Condition—Some Overhauling Will Have to Be Done to Prevent Bad Report by Inspectors Next Month.

"A New Bern autoist who yesterday made the trip from New Bern to Kinston declares that the Central Highway in Craven county, the road leading to Kinston, is in fine shape, and that he covered 30 miles of this in one hour, but when he struck the Lenoir county section of the highway he encountered a bad road and only covered ten miles in an hour," said the New Bern Sun-Journal Wednesday evening. A number of similar reports had been had, the newspaper stated, "and unless Lenoir fixes up her section the inspectors next month will doubtless criticize them for their negligence."

Although autoists from New Bern criticize the Lenoir road, they "give high praise to Kinston's well-paved streets and declare that the town is now one of the best-paved in the State." Kinston has spent "several thousand" dollars in improving her streets.

Six Craven county persons are now seeking divorces.

VILLA DREW FUNDS FROM AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE, STATED

Justice Department Has a Mass of Evidence, Admitted Today

WILL BE MANY ARRESTS

Agents In Position to Make Some Now, But Do Not Want to Frighten Off Men Higher Up In Plot—Conspirator Knows Lot

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 30.—The Justice Department expects early developments in the investigation into the mysterious source of Villa's funds. It was learned today that the department has a mass of evidence tending to show that there has been American and foreign support for the bandit.

Horst Von Der Goltz, brought from England to testify in bomb plot cases, was formerly with Villa in Mexico, and has been questioned along this line. He is believed to have valuable information regarding large funds given Villa. The department already has evidence justifying the arrest of several persons, but wants to wait to prevent "higher ups" eluding the net.

MANY PERSONS ARE HURT IN SMASHUP ELECTRICS

Collision Near Chicago In Fog Today—Twenty to 30 Injured, Reported—Both Trains Telescoped—None Killed—Suburbans Came Together On Argo-Cicero Line in the Dense Weather

Chicago, March 30.—Twenty to thirty persons were injured, some seriously, when two suburban electric trains crashed head on on the Argo-Cicero line in a fog today. Both were telescoped. None was killed.

VILLA IN MOUNTAINS, BUT NO HINDRANCE TO AMERICANS LEFT WITH GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO USE MEXICAN RAILROADS

Carranza Immediately Complies With Second Formal Request From Washington Government and Officials Are Relieved—Chase for Outlaw, Known to Be In High Country, Resolves Itself Into a Man-Hunt—Dodd and Cavalry Column at Turning of Road Into Mountains—Raising Big Reward for Bandit at Monterey—Officer Dies From Pneumonia Contracted Below the Border

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 30.—The Villa expedition continues merely a man hunt. The last fear of complications is believed to have been removed by Carranza's agreement to let the Americans use Mexican railways for supplies, officials today believed.

San Antonio, March 30.—Unofficial reports to army headquarters declare Villa is in the Guerrero mountains, and Dodd's cavalry has reached the railroad that swings southwest from Chihuahua City.

Officer Dead of Pneumonia.
El Paso, Texas, March 29.—Joseph W. Allison, second lieutenant of the Thirteenth Cavalry, who was brought back to the base hospital at Fort Bliss from General Pershing's army in Mexico suffering from a cold that developed into pneumonia, died today.

Carranza Gives Permission for Use of Railroads.

Washington, March 29.—One of the army's most serious problems in hunting Villa was solved today when General Carranza promptly granted the renewed request of the State Department for permission to use the Mexican Northwestern Railroad in

MALANCOURT APT TO FALL INTO GERMAN HANDS SOON, BELIEF

Teutons Making Furious Assaults; Seek Town and Roadheads

TERRIFIC BIG GUN FIRE

French Gunners On Dead Man Hill and In Other Positions Striving Heroically to Prevent Capture of Important Position

(By the United Press)
Paris, Mar. 30.—The repulse of German attempts to recover the French positions in Avoncourt is reported at the war office. The Germans have been completely checked at Malancourt.

London, March 30.—Having gained a foothold at Malancourt, the Germans are driving forward furiously to capture the whole village and two important highways intersecting the town. The French position is extremely perilous.

German artillery is pouring a terrific fire into the French works. The French are replying from Dead Man Hill and other points which command the Malancourt highways.

HARTNESS HERE, GOT LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT

J. A. Hartness, candidate for Secretary of State from Statesville, called upon the local Democratic leaders Wednesday afternoon. He said he was gratified over his reception here, but it is known that Mr. Hartness got no special encouragement from the Lenoir county bosses. Grimes, say those who claim to know, is looking up far and away the biggest of the candidates in this section. "He has improved considerably during his tenure, and he will be sent back beyond a doubt," according to one man supporting the Pitt county man.

KINSTON IS GOING TO MAKE A BID FOR E. CAROLINA R'ROAD

Chamber of Commerce to Urge Bridgers Extend to This City

CONNECT'N AT GRAINGER

Only 7 Miles of Track Would Have to Be Laid—Could Build On to Pollockville for a Junction With New Bern, Etc

Snow Hill, it became known today, is to have a rival bidder for the East Carolina Railroad, reported as certain to be extended from Hookerton to some other point within the next two or three months. The Kinston Chamber of Commerce is going after the road, and going after it "good and strong," too. But seven miles of track will have to be laid to connect the road with this city.

The Chamber will propose to President Bridgers of the East Carolina that the road be extended to Grainger, about five miles from here, and use the Atlantic Coast Line's track into Kinston. That would give the East Carolina a continuous route from its Northern terminus at Tarboro, to the terminus of the Kinston-Weldon branch of the A. C. L. here. "Big business" will be offered to Mr. Bridgers and his associates as an inducement. The connection, the Kinston Chamber estimates, would be a tremendous thing for Kinston and the road as well.

Mr. Bridgers will be reminded that the Chamber understands that the Atlantic Coast Line has a right-of-way from this city to Pollockville, on the New Bern-Wilmington branch. The extension to Kinston would afford numerous shortcuts. The distance to the North from this city, New Bern and Wilmington by the connection at Pollockville, would be considerably shortened. The Norfolk Southern Railroad, of course, would probably find the new line a lively competitor.

The East Carolina has contemplated extending to Snow Hill, and from there either to Fremont or Seven Springs. If the owners will not build direct to Kinston from Hookerton, the present southern terminus, they will be asked to direct the route to Grainger from Snow Hill instead of taking it southwest or west. Chamber of Commerce officials believe they will find it easy to convince the East Carolina owners that the connection with Kinston is the best thing possible for the road.

'EGGS' BY THE MILLIONS; A PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

Wilmington, March 29.—Wilmington fishermen are being offered \$20 a million for shad eggs. While this would not figure out a dozen basis with hen eggs, the fishermen are finding the industry more profitable. The master of the government fish hatchery, Fish Hawk, takes this means to replenish the supply of shad in the Cape Fear. The fishermen do not even give the "lady shad" time to cackle, remove the roe and sell the fish, making considerably more than \$1.50 from each roe shad.

PORTRAITS TWO NOTED TARHEELS PRESENTED

Richmond, March 29.—Two portraits of distinguished sons of North Carolina were presented with impressive ceremonies today to the North Carolina room in the Confederate Museum. One of the portraits was that of Major Orren Randolph Smith, designer of the Confederate flag, and the other was that of Col. Rissden Tyler Bennett of the Fourteenth North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A., and after the war a member of the National House of Representatives.

LITTLE DOUBT LEFT NOW THAT AMERICA WILL SEVER RELATIONS WITH KAISER IF PROVED THAT SUSSEX WAS VICTIM U-BOAT

Another Campaign of Terror Seems to Have Been Commenced by Teuton Submersibles Under Direction Von Tirpitz's Successor—Affidavits of Americans On Board Vessels Recently Torpedoed Now On Way to Washington—Only Complete Settlement of Entire Controversy Will Satisfy Administration—Germans Say Sussex Was Not Sunk by Teuton Undersea Boat and That Englishman Case Was Justified

(By United Press)
Washington, March 30.—Any expectation that America will recede from its determination to sever relations with Germany if it is irrefutably proved that a German submarine sunk the Sussex has been removed. It was intimated today following news of the latest torpedoing, that of the Eagle Point, with Americans aboard, that only prompt and complete settlement of the whole submarine issue can prevent the threatened rupture. Some officials believe a settlement would be more likely after severance of relations than before.

New Campaign Submarine Terrorism.
London, March 30.—The view is taken that German submarines have entered upon a new campaign of terrorism despite contrary Berlin reports, following sworn statements concerning reported attacks upon four vessels with Americans aboard, now en route to Washington.

Von Bernstorff Sees Polk.
Washington, March 30.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today at noon spent a few minutes with Counsellor Polk of the State Department. They merely discussed commercial questions, it was said. The latest submarine activities were not discussed.

No German U-Boat In Sussex Case, Declared.
German circles here express the belief that no Teuton submarine was concerned in the Sussex case. As for the Englishman sinking, the Germans insist she was legitimate prey, since she attempted to escape.

MORE THAN TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED IN CITY SCHOOLS NOW

Increase of More Than 400 Over Year 1915 Maximum Enroll'm't—Spare Room In Buildings Being Used. 200 More Negro Children

Two thousand, three hundred and ten! That is the present enrollment of the Kinston City Schools. The figures are calculated to cause surprise to most persons in the city.

The increase is more than 400 over last year's maximum. The largest enrollment during the 1914-'15 scholastic year was 1,851.

Children are overflowing from the two buildings for whites and the negro school on Tower Hill road as well. The new High School, occupied during the present school year was designed to take care of the city's school needs for the next five years; that is, together with the Peyton avenue building, and the colored school on Tower Hill road. Office rooms and basement space in the white buildings are being used now. A new structure will have to be had immediately, it seems. Another increase of 459 in one year's time would send the authorities hustling around to lease vacant dwellings, or storerooms, etc., probably.

It is due the colored people to state that they came in for more than their proportion of the increase. They sent about 200 more of their youngsters to school this year. Strenuous attempts to enforce the compulsory education law had a desired effect on many colored parents.

New York, March 28.—The Aero Club of America announced today that because of the law which prevents the United States government from accepting gifts, it had offered to sell to the government for \$1 dollar each the two high-powered aeroplanes it recently proffered for use in Mexico.

CHAUTAUQUA TO BE BIGGER SHOW THIS SUMMER THAN LAST

Expected to Be Held In June—Swarthmore People to Have Charge of Attractions Again—To Take In Larger Territory

Kinston is expected to have its annual chautauqua in June this year, it was stated at the Chamber of Commerce office today. The dates have not been announced. The attractions will again be furnished by the Chautauqua Association of Swarthmore, Pa., which company has put on excellent programs here in the past two years. A meeting of all the guarantors has been called for Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, in the Chamber's rooms. Directors of the Chamber will meet with them.

The chautauqua this year will be advertised to the limit. A larger territory will be billed than last year. This city in 1914 and 15 was one of the best places on the circuit, the chautauqua managers stated, and it is intended for it to make a record for the State this summer, regardless of the populations of larger towns on the circuit.

Following are the guarantors: Wm. Hayes, N. B. Evans, C. W. Hartsfield, D. E. Wood, T. V. Moseley, Dr. James M. Parrott, D. F. Wooten, E. W. Bizzell, T. W. Mewborn, Dr. R. A. Whitaker, L. T. Whitfield, W. E. Parrott, J. W. Braxton, G. T. Fleming, W. C. Fields, C. F. Harvey, Geo. B. Green, Chester A. Walsh, W. C. Knox, W. J. Mathes, R. R. Rouse, Bernard P. Smith, Y. T. Ormond, H. E. Shaw, W. E. Mewborn, W. H. O'Berry, O. M. Rutledge, R. L. Patrick, W. B. Douglass, L. C. Parrott, F. Pitts, G. G. Moore, H. A. Humble, H. F. Laws, Sol. Ostinger, R. E. Bland, W. B. Coleman, L. A. Clayton, Dr. Ira M. Hardy, T. H. Britt, Dr. Z. V. Moseley, John G. Cox, J. A.

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