

## In a Blaze of Glory Second Annual Exhibit of Kinston Fair is Opened! Twelve Thousand People Turn Stiles

### MONSTER PAGEANT SPLENDID SPECTACLE MOBILIZING THE SECTION'S INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Second Annual Exhibit of the Kinston Fair is on! It was officially declared so by President F. C. Dunn a little before twelve o'clock Tuesday after the spectacular "Chief Marshal's Parade and Pageant" had been reviewed from the grandstand.

Estimates of the attendance today are all guess work. In fact, when the representative of The Free Press left the grounds to hurry back to the office to give to readers "today's news today" the people were there in "droves," and a hundred or more taxis were bringing them in as fast as they could make the round trip, to say nothing of the K. C. shuttle train which is making regular trips from the Norfolk Southern depot to the grounds. The Free Press "prognosticates" that there will be at least twelve thousand red-blooded American men, women and children to turn the stiles and pass in with the parade before the gates shall be closed on the first day's performance. And that may be conservative.

#### PRESIDENT DUNN'S SPEECH.

President F. C. Dunn of the Kinston Fair Association stepped out on the platform, which was being completed for the occasion while the folks were gathering, and welcomed the large concourse of people, the majority of whom could only guess what he was saying, but who nevertheless were vociferous in their applause, for they knew he was making a happy speech. Mr. Dunn recalled the experience of last year, the remarkable success of which had been directly responsible for several other fairs to be started in Eastern Carolina this year. He predicted an even greater success this year, and officially declared the 1916 Fair open.

#### HON. J. PAUL FRIZZELLE'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Dunn presented Hon. J. Paul Frizzelle, mayor of Snow Hill, who made the address of the day. Mr. Frizzelle paid glowing tribute to the enterprise represented in the culmination of the community undertaking and predicted that the Kinston Fair embracing the territory of Ten Counties would come to be one of the greatest assets to the section; that its promotion of better farming methods, the building of good roads, the friendly acquaintance of the people of the section would mean that the tide of migration, which has taken so many of the best young men and women from the farms to the larger centers of population, would turn and keep them in the district where their energy and thought would contribute to the upbuilding and progress. Particularly happy were the remarks of Mr. Frizzelle, and coming from a man from an adjoining county, but emphasizing the broad scope of the Ten County Fair.

#### Opening Parade Magnificent.

A spectacle unprecedented in the history of East Carolina was the opening parade of the Fair Tuesday. The pageant was nearly two miles long. Its immensity was forgotten in the cleverness, the grandeur and originality of many of its units. Last year's opening parade fell far short of this procession in many ways.

There was hardly room enough in the streets in the southern part of the city in which the various sections were assembled, so that when the parade got under way at about 10:25, a little late, the marshals at the head were away past the postoffice facing north on Queen street.

For three solid blocks there were marshals. They rode with files keeping a kimp distance. It was necessary to close up. "Attractive-looking girls, some of them in the nattiest of habits, rode with the male gals. This section had its novelties, too. Toward the last was Earl Kennedy, a small boy of near Caswell, astride a bull yearling. That little fellow did not seem to feel his importance; he was all dressed up and modest; the yearling was also dressed up. Right here that little knight of the pasture is proclaimed the hero of the occasion. At the rear was an adult bull, carrying a gaudily-arrayed fellow from the country. The rider was as proud as could be; so was the bull—the creature kept step with the band's cadence!

The second section was comprised of decorated automobiles. There were scores of these. Some of the cars were arrayed in real and artificial flowers and paper streamers of patriotic colors. Others were beautiful in

autumn leaves and pine needles. One was concealed in the famous bright leaf tobacco of the section and shone as with gold. One young woman dressed as Uncle Sam drove a touring car and had for a passenger an exquisite fairy who may have been Liberty or Columbia or someone else; whoever she was, she was superb.

The industrial and commercial floats were a long section; there were several blocks of cars and trucks bearing for the most part, very elaborate and ingenious displays. To give individual mention of all the story would have to be run in instalments. The Coca-Cola Company had a pretty schooner in line; rather incongruous—"schooner"—but very nifty. T. W. Mewborn & Co. were represented by a white submarine, from the conning tower of which an officer put out his head and scanned the seacaps. The Lynch Jewelry Co.'s float was very handsome. The Kinston Furniture Company exhibited a bed, with two pretty youngsters at its foot tucked in. Quinn & Miller's float was a bulky affair, with a table and jolly party of young folks lounging about it under a canopy. King & Hearne had a mule and a truck; the beast hung his head in apparent shame. The person who devised E. V. Webb & Co.'s contribution is a genius. On it were tobacco hogheads and nearly a dozen darkies stripping leaf. The colored folks sang along the route—songs of the tobacco and cotton fields, with entrancing melody and the plaintive minors that they are wont to put into their music. The Orion Knitting Mill and Kinston Cotton Mills showed stockings all the way from the cotton field to the manufactured product, and a bevy of

#### OLD SPINNING WHEEL NOVEL FAIR EXHIBIT

An antique spinning-wheel exhibited at the Fair this week is quite a curiosity and a relic of Ante-Bellum days. This quaint instrument is the property of Miss Ella Bland, matron of Parrott Memorial Hospital, Kinston, and was made for her mother, Mrs. Mary Bland Smith of Grifton, by Mrs. Smith's father, Cannon Smith, almost a century ago, who made one wheel for each of his four daughters. This particular spinning-wheel is in good condition, and is in daily operation at the Fair. Many were the garments made from materials, the flax for which was spun on this wheel, including pantaloons and other garments, which today are simply purchased "over the counter." Memories of the "good old days" are recalled when one views this most interesting exhibit, and the mind and heart dwell in sweet contemplation of that period of the Glorious South in the days before the war.

The State Board's motion picture health exhibit will be a feature at the Fair this week. The booth is near machinery hall. There will be no charge for admittance. The exhibit has been seen in many places, and is accomplishing much good in the state.

An interesting thing on Wednesday's program will be a demonstration in basketry, which Fair officials promise will be especially good.

Attractive "raised in Kinston" girls, was a log with a big saw in it. L. The Rutledge Lumber Co.'s exhibit: Harvey & Son Co., announcing that they were fighting for trade, had an animated float with two young ugs, carrying.

The fire department had six pieces of apparatus out. The horses were finely groomed and the wagons nicely decorated. Girls filled one wagon. The department's old steamer, but again after years of retirement, was drawn by mules, because there were no horses for it, and none to be had. Horses were at a premium in the city.

The educational section was the crowning glory. "America," surrounded by valiants in historical garb, followed just behind two horsemen carrying a banner, "Education," which seemed a very appropriate place to put the charming damsel. The Kinston Grammar School goat had a float to himself. Music in the schools was the subject of one piece. Medical inspection in the schools was portrayed by young make-believe nurses, pretty in the white dress and red cross bazzard of the profession. One float was a schoolroom, modernly equipped, with a dozen or more children of first grade age, dressed in their Sunday best, diligently at study. The teacher—whoever selected the teacher is another genius, by the way—stood at the blackboard and put questions to her young proteges. The scene was charming. Big floats were entered by the Lenoir County Pig and Fern Club boys and Canning Club girls. A large truck carried a woodland scene, with a host of members of a young folks' school club, trees and other things on it. Joining the parade a little late was a big float from the Caswell Training School, with a very creditable exhibit from that State institution. The school's drove of fancy cows was given a place along with the float.

The parade was in the fullest sense magnificent. The happiest person connected with it was Mr. Harvey C. Hines. He was the Chief Marshal in charge, and for weeks past had given the preparations for the spectacle the most of his time. He was ably assisted by numerous assistant marsh-

The parade, according to non-residents who saw both pageants, culminated by far the State Fair parade at Raleigh.

#### BOLIVIA OPPOSED TO HEALTH STATION PLAN

Bogota, Oct. 24.—Newspaper comment from the whole of Columbia shows the entire country agreed on approval of the Cartagena chamber of Commerce's rejection of the United Fruit Company's request for permission to establish a health station on the coast of Bolivar province, independently of those maintained by the Colombian government.

The company, in a kind of diplomatic note to Bolivar state, represented that the Panama health authorities persist in quarantining United Fruit steamships from Colombian ports, regardless of the clean bills granted by the Colombian officials. It was for this reason that the concern professed to want a Colombian station presided over by medical experts from the United States.

As the proposition had a commercial angle, it was submitted to the Cartagena chamber of commerce which not only turned it down but referred to it as an insult.

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR PAST TWO MONTHS

The Librarian of the Kinston Public Library makes public the Librarian's reports for August and September. In the former month receipts were: Appropriation, \$12.50; rent on books, 50 cents; fines, 15 cents; total, \$13.15. Paid out: Deficit for July, \$4.40; July salary, \$10; rent for August, \$5; lights, 80 cents; sweeping, \$21.45; deficit, \$8.30. Final payment was made on a set of books, "The South in the Building of the Nation," in June. This set cost \$48. September receipts: Appropriation, \$12.50; appropriation for lights, \$5; 8 subscriptions, \$12; fines, 20 cents; total, \$29.70. Paid out: August deficit, \$8.30; salary for August, \$10; rent for September, \$5; lights, 80c; moving books, etc., \$6.75; scouring, etc., \$1.10; wire screen, 10 cents; soap, etc., 15 cents; carrying ladder, 5 cents; varnish stain, 30 cents; sweeping, \$1; total, \$93.55. There is more indebtedness for moving, to be paid this month. Dr. F. Pitts has presented to the library a book on osteopathy. The library's home is now over the John G. Cox shoe store, and will be open from 3 to 6 p. m.

#### RUSSIAN CHIEF OF STAFF PASTOR'S SON

By WM. PHILLIP SIMMS

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Imperial Headquarters, Russian Army, Sept. 24.—(By Mail)—General Michel Alexieff, Nicholas II's chief of staff and, next to the Emperor, responsible for operations along the whole Russian front, is the son of a preacher and a self-made man. He is at the top because he put himself there by hard work. He never had a pull. Here is a story which explains Alexieff.

When the Emperor assumed command of the army and General Alexieff came here to work with him, the Czar and his chief of staff always lunched together at the Czar's quarters. The imperial chamberlain, the governor of the palace, a couple of aides-de-camp, the young heir to the throne, and the Emperor's physician were always at these meals and it was seldom that several important guests were not present. The lunches naturally were of a more or less formal nature ending up with coffee and smokes and the inevitable conversations, in all consuming about an hour and a half.

General Alexieff stood this for some days, but it was apparent he was getting more and more ill at ease. Finally one day he went to the Czar.

"Sire," he said, "I realize it is impossible to cut the lunch shorter. But permit me to lunch with my officers, at their mess. I will be very grateful." The Emperor laughed.

"Of course, it shall be as you wish, General," he said. And from that day on the chief ate with his men.

Mrs. J. S. Walthour of Danville, Va., is spending a few days with friends here.

#### SAYS WILSON HAS RIGHT IDEA ABOUT NATIONAL DEFENSE

By GEORGE CREEL.

The invincible meanness of the attack on President Wilson finds its choicest expression in the Republican attempt to prove that the National Guard has been treated unfairly.

The war with Spain showed the urgent need of reorganizing the home defense system of America. The Republican party, after five years of jabber, decided to continue full reliance upon the organized militia and passed the Dick bill. Under this law, over \$66,000,000 has been spent upon the National Guard of the various States.

In 1916, when President Wilson started the "Plattsburg idea" and suggested the Swiss system, the Republican party again rallied to the support of the National Guard, and insisted that it be retained as the basis of a national defense. The bill not only provided pay for the organized militia, but appropriated \$2,000,000 to care for the families of the members in event of actual service. Every national guardsman in the country worked for the Hay bill.

The Mexican crisis arose, and the organized militia was called upon just as its membership had insisted that it should be called upon. The response was instant and generous. The movement of troops was without confusion or even discomfort. The border camps have been approved time and again by expert sanitarians. The men themselves have made no complaint.

But the Republican party refuses to be soothed. Lying reached a point where General Funston had to issue an order threatening to deport correspondents of Republican newspapers for persistent and malicious misrepresentation. The whole attempt of the Hughes forces has been to breed discontent, dissatisfaction and rebellion among the soldiers.

#### WANT THIS COUNTY A HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY AND SECTION; HONORING PRESIDENT WILSON

Lenoir county is asked to assist in making "Wilson Celebration Day," next Saturday, a "real big thing." The day is destined to do honor to the great head of the party and otherwise aid Democracy.

The State committee in charge of the celebration want Kinston to provide for parades—suggesting the old-fashioned torchlight procession at night—and public meetings. They also want the city to be decorated, if possible. Local men suggest that the Fair decorations be kept up for the day. Public meetings should be had, and individuals should take occasion to do something for Wilson.

#### TELL FAIR VISITORS HOW TO PREVENT FIRES

Capt. Sherwood Brockwell, a former chief of the Raleigh fire department who now is in the employ of the State as fire prevention expert, and N. E. Canady, a State electrical expert, are in charge of an exhibit at the Fair Grounds. They are stragglers on the subject of fire prevention. Samples of non-inflammable paints are on exhibit. Plans of school buildings designed to prevent a minimum of fire risk are on display.

"What he has seen" of the Fair, Capt. Brockwell stated Tuesday, surpassed anything of the kind he had seen, and he takes about all of the fairs in.

Mr. Ed. Winfield has returned to his home near Bath after a visit to relatives here.

#### Tuesday Big Day of Year. Thousands Flock to City From Many Counties for Fair Opening—Business Suspended

Tuesday is Lenoir county's day off. It is also a day off for thousands from the surrounding counties. Fair opening day has become an established holiday. Business was almost as dead as on Sunday in some parts of the county during the day. After 10 o'clock scores of local business houses were closed, as were the banks, the schools and the police court. The cotton and tobacco markets were suspended. Indications at an early hour were that possibly the largest throng ever here for any occasion would be on hand for the Fair opening. Among the crowd were persons from many counties out of the district and from other states. Prosperous-looking planters, country merchants, farmers and their wives and children flocked into town in steady streams over every road from daybreak on.

The present prosperity of the section, surpassing that of any former period, was evidenced by the happiness of the crowds and the lavishness with which they let loose their money before business was suspended.

Fully a half of Lenoir county may go through the Fair gates before nightfall.



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