

BUSINESSMEN BENT ON IMPROV'G EVERY ROAD IN LENOIR CO'Y

Chamber of Commerce Will
Carry Big Bond Issue
During the Winter
SAY PEOPLE ARE READY

To Support Movement—
Every Mile of Principal
Highways Would Be
Overhauled—Limited to
Quarter Million Dollars

Lenoir county will in all probability spend a quarter million dollars on its main roads in 1917 and 1918. At a special meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening it was decided to ask the Board of Commissioners to call a bond issue election for the third Tuesday in next February. There was no dissenting voice.

VILLA BEGINS NEW ATTACK ON TREVINO AT CHIHUAHUA CITY

Trying to Exhaust Ammu-
nition of Defense by
Spasmodic Detached At-
tacks—Had Been Report-
ed Defeated

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Nov. 25.—A concerted assault was begun upon Chihuahua City from three sides shortly after daylight by Villista bandits, according to reports reaching government agents here. Small raiding parties moved upon the Trevino advanced trenches during the night to draw the defenders' fire, and exhaust General Trevino's limited supply of ammunition.

LIFE AGAIN SWEET FOR SUPER-FASHIONABLES

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—No longer need tenants of William Waldorf Astor's super-fashionable Aphrodite apartments hold hands to their eyes as they roll up to their home in imported limousines.
The, so they thought, hopelessly gross, materialistic sign, advertising the commercial matrimonial agency in the property at 385 West End avenue, is today removed.
The sign which has just come down was put in place years ago by the late Fritz "Cupid" Podzus. The war took it down. Johann Ringlau, who was Podzus' partner, has been cooking in the Kaiser's army for the last two years and when recently he failed to meet payments, foreclosure, now successfully concluded, was started.

ENORMOUS CROWD EXPECTED

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 24.—The monster Yale bowl, which seats more than 60,000 persons, is not expected to care for all those who are fighting to care for all those who are fighting today to get the precious tickets for the annual Yale-Harvard clash.

Chihuahua City, Nov. 24, via El Paso Junction.—Another attack by the Villa bandits upon this city from the east was begun at 6 a. m. today, and was repulsed, as were the previous attacks by the bandits, with heavy losses to the attacking forces. The machine guns again did deadly execution in the ranks of the bandits.

PEACE, PROSPERITY, NOBLE GOVERNMENT & FAVOR FROM GOD

Things to Be Thankful for
This Year, Says Governor
In Proclamation—"Seed
Fell Upon Good Ground;
Harvest Plenteous"

"A proclamation by the Governor," calling upon the people of North Carolina to keep properly Thanksgiving day, next Thursday, has been issued from the executive office at Raleigh. It follows:

"The seed fell upon good ground. The harvest is plenteous. In the marts of commerce, in field and in factory industry has been rewarded with a bountiful hand. A prosperity never known before has come to all conditions and classes of men. Our material achievement leads to social advancement, and a higher social order. Altruism is militant for the universal welfare. Our government is controlled by a noble purpose, and is responsive to the demands of the age. As never in any country, nor in any age, has equity to all men been remembered in the highest place of authority. Opportunity has been vouchsafed greater than ever before, and to the genius and energy of the American people the future unfolds in sublime revelation.

"In wealth, in progress, in freedom and hope to the people, our Republic is the first of all nations. She has vindicated the rights of her citizens in every land, and has maintained the law of civilization and humanity upon the seas.

"In diplomacy and in dealings with all nations, great and small, she has been firm, considerate and just; the simple rule of right is the standard that she has set and steadfastly maintained. Her demands have been respected when armed nations are ravaged by war.
"Above all, we have peace. While the earth has been consumed by the conflagration of desolation, while chastely war still strikes with unrelenting fury and reaps his boundless harvest of death and woe, we have been spared to work out the high purpose of God.
"Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers, and in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of November, a day of thanksgiving.

"And I do call upon the people of North Carolina to meet on that day in their places of worship and in devout gratitude and humility remember our abundant blessings.

"And let us pray that the power of truth may be quickened and our consciences awakened to know and to do the Will of our Father, that his Kingdom may come upon earth; that peace may be restored to all the world; that the Light and the Spirit of the Prince of Peace may come again to the peoples who drink the cup of trembling in the horror of great darkness.
"Let us not forget our neighbors, and the people of our State who may be humble and in need, nor the widow and the orphan in distress, nor

DARING ATTEMPT BY GERMAN D'STROY'RS FOILED BY PATROL

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 25.—An attempt by a German destroyer flotilla on Thursday night to approach the Downs, was frustrated by patrol vessels, says the Admiralty. Six German destroyers were in the squadron. They were sighted by a patrol vessel, when the enemy fired twelve rounds and steamed away.

WITHDRAWAL, JOINT PATROL AND RIGHT TO CROSS BOUNDARY

Agreed Upon In Protocol by
American-Mexican Com-
missioners—Must Be Rat-
ified By the Two Govern-
ments

Atlantic City, Nov. 24.—A protocol providing for the conditional withdrawal of the American troops now in Chihuahua, Mexico, and for the joint military control of the border, heretofore the supplemental stipulation that United States troops shall be sent into Mexico in pursuit of bandits at any time necessary, was signed here today by the members of the Mexican-American joint commission.

If the protocol is ratified by the two governments the commission will convene again on December 8 to resume the discussion of other questions affecting the two countries, especially those related to the protection of life and property of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico. If ratification by either government is withheld, the work of the conference will be declared at an end.

After the protocol was signed, Secretary Lane issued a statement defining to a certain extent the policy of the United States government toward Mexico. He stated that he believed General Carranza a strong man and that he should be given a "full chance," adding that "Mexico will either do right without our help or with it. This is her choice."

TOMBSTONE FALLS ON HIM VICTIM DIES

A. C. Avery, 32, son of A. W. Avery of Cove City, died in St. Luke's hospital, N. W. Bern, Friday night as the result of injury sustained some days ago when a tombstone fell off of a cart on him. Avery was taking the stone to the grave of an aunt.
The funeral will be held at Cove City Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Woodmen. The Woodmen of the World, of which order Avery was a member, will hold a service at the same time. All Woodmen in this part of the State are invited to be present.
Besides his father Mr. Avery is survived by four sisters and three brothers.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP WITH LOT OF WOUND'D TORPEDO'D

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 25.—The Evening Star's Athens correspondent today declared that the British hospital ship Braemar Castle, sunk yesterday, was torpedoed, while carrying four hundred British wounded.

Those who have been overtaken by disaster. May our sympathies be broadened and strengthened that we may grow in the grace of Charity and toward the realization of "the brotherhood of men."

"On this day let our gifts be generous in accordance with our good fortune, and let us beseech Almighty God to give us that due sense of all his mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth his praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to his service, and by walking before him in holiness and righteousness all our days.
"Done in our City of Raleigh, on this the twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American independence.
"LOCKE CRAIG, Governor.
"By the Governor:
"MAY F. JONES,
"Private Secretary."

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WASHINGTON IN HONOR FRANZ JOSEF

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 25.—The President, Mrs. Wilson, members of the United States Supreme Court, leaders of Congress, and all ambassadors and ministers of the nations allied with the Central Powers and neutral nations, will attend elaborate memorial service in honor of the late Emperor Franz Josef Wednesday, Cardinal Gibbons will preside.

STEAMER POWHATAN ON FIRE EN ROUTE BOSTON TO NORFOLK

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—The steamer Powhatan, en route from Boston to Norfolk, caught fire off Block Island today, a wireless message says. The vessel is said to carry passengers and freight. She is owned by the Mechanics and Miners Company. Coast guard cutters are rendering assistance. It is reported that the fire was controlled at 9:15 this morning.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Greenville is to organize an Associated Charities.
Rev. H. N. Blanchard of Greenville, Pontiac, has been instructed to report for examination for a chaplaincy in the Army. He was given the appointment some time ago.
One New Bern tobacco warehouse ended the sales season, Friday.
The New Bern Chamber of Commerce at an early meeting will discuss the proposed head line between Kinston and that city.

BORN WHEN JEFFERSON WAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(By the United Press)
Waxahatchie, Texas, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Narcis Burns, born when Thomas Jefferson was president of the United States, will celebrate her 110th birthday anniversary tomorrow. Her three daughters, the eldest of whom is 89, and many of her 110 grand and great-grand children will be at the celebration. Mr. Burns died 30 years ago.
Born in Madison county, Tenn., November 26, 1806, the now Mrs. Burns, whose maiden name was Yarbrough, moved to Texas with her father's family at the age of ten.

DRAINAGE CONVENTION TO LUMBERTON NEXT

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 23.—Lumberton was chosen as the next place of meeting by the North Carolina Drainage Association before the adjournment of the ninth annual conference this afternoon. A mid-winter meeting will be held in Raleigh.

Officers were elected as follows: M. E. Sherwyn, Raleigh, president; Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, secretary-treasurer. Several vice-presidents were elected, among them being D. B. McNeill, Lumberton; H. M. Lynde, Raleigh; Benjamin Cameron, Durham; F. R. Baker, Raleigh, and J. L. Beeton, Wilmington.

BULLETINS

ACCIDENT ON ELEVATED.
New York, Nov. 24.—Ambulances have been rushed to 129th street and Second avenue with a report of an elevated train wreck.

FRENCH TAKE ANOTHER POSITION.
Athens, Nov. 23.—The French marines have assumed charge of the Peloponnesus railway station.

FIFTY MILLIONS IN BRITISH GOLD WILL ARRIVE DUR'G WEEK

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—Another stream of British gold, totaling fifty million dollars, will begin to pour into the United States Monday to effect the new British loan being sought here. Four hundred and seventy million of gold have come to the United States in the last four months.

OVERTON CONFESSES HE KILLED LAWLER; SELF-DEFENSE, SAYS

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 24.—Probate Judge William T. Lawler, whose death was followed by the suicides of a Huntsville attorney and a sheriff of Madison county who believed they were suspected in connection with his death, was killed the night of June 14, by David D. Overton, his political rival. Overton testified here today in his trial on a charge of having murdered the jurist. The killing which occurred on the Whitesburg bridge was in self-defense, Overton declared. He said he was attacked by Lawler with a knife when he refused to join Lawler in a plan to delay a report of the Madison county grand jury which then was in session.

Overton declared he drove Lawler to the Whitesburg bridge in his buggy at the latter's suggestion, to discuss political difficulties which they agreed to settle.

He informed Sheriff Robert Phillips of the tragedy the night it occurred, he said, and when he told Phillips the next day, the sheriff told him the body "had not been brought to town and that no one would find it." Sheriff Phillips killed himself the week after the discovery of Lawler's body. Having word he could not bear the suspicion he believed was laid against him. Three days before Bloddy Pleasant, a Huntsville attorney, committed suicide.

PREPARE FOR SAILING OF CHRISTMAS SHIP

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—Boxes, bales and bundles of supplies to form the cargo of the American Red Cross Christmas Relief ship for the benefit of Syrians were arriving at Red Cross Bush terminal in Brooklyn today—the last day of their availability. The relief ship is to sail for Beirut, Syria, about December 1. The shipment will be chiefly clothing.

Persons who intended to make gifts but delayed too long still have opportunity. On account of the fighting on the Syrian immense stores of hospital supplies are needed. Money donations made the Red Cross for these supplies will be applied quite promptly.

BOY, PLEASE PAGE ADAM.

London, Nov. 25.—The Garden of Eden is the same old garden. A Toronto army surgeon reported that his surgical kit was stolen one night as he slept in the cradle of Original Sin.



LENORE ULRICH
Who has returned to Oliver Kinn
for a two years and is now
in Paramount Pictures

LABOR MEN DECLINE TAKE ACTION NIGHT EMBARRASS PRES'T

Will Not Go On Record As
Opposed to Short Day
Through Legislation

TEST DECISION UNCERTAIN

May Be Several Weeks After
New Year's Before
Supreme Court Renders
Opinion—Up to Highest
Tribunal Now

(By the United Press)
Baltimore, Nov. 25.—The American Federation of Labor today refused to go on record against efforts to obtain the eight-hour law through legislation. The desire not to embarrass President Wilson because of his work in forcing the eight-hour law for railroaders was the apparent cause of the convention's action.

BLACK VICTIM JOKE HAD A CLOSE SHAVE

Zebulun, Nov. 24.—There came near being an electrocution here when James Smith, colored, was made the victim of some practical jokers. He was given in either hand an end of a piece of wire. The middle point of the wire was inserted into a socket for which the lamp globe had been removed and the current switched on. When the resultant commotion was over Smith was found lying under an oil tank and it took the services of a doctor to revive him.

MULE HAD TO BE PUT TO DEATH AFTER A BAD RUNAWAY QUEEN STREET

A mule of a pair drawing a truck had to be killed after the team, running away, collided with a telephone pole at North and Queen streets Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. The animal had a broken leg. One of three hogsheads of tobacco on the truck rolled off upon the mule. The mule was owned by Copeland Bros. and the tobacco by the Export Leaf Company. The total damage to the outfit including the loss of the animal, valued at \$300, was about \$350. A milk wagon from the Tull dairy was smashed up to some extent when the runaway team ran into it.

The runaway was exciting. It started at the Export Company's place in North Kinston when flying paper, it is supposed, blew around the mule's head. There followed a wild dash down Queen street. The colored driver jumped off when the reins parted. The mules, it is thought, were making for the stables on North street in their panic.

BIG RUSSIAN SHIP OF WAR IS SUNK BY INTERNAL EXPLOS'N

London, Nov. 24.—The Russian naval staff, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has issued the following statement:

"At 6 o'clock on October 20 fire broke out in the forward magazine of the Imperatritsa Maria. An internal explosion followed immediately and the fire spread rapidly and reached the petrol tanks.

"Shortly after 7 o'clock the vessel sank. An officer and two first class sub-officers and 149 sailors are missing. Sixty-four of the crew have since died from the effects of burns.
"The position of the ship, which lies in shallow water, gives hope that it may be refloated and completely repaired in a few months. The bridge is only one yard beyond water level."

VENIZELLOS STARTS WAR AGAINST SOFIA ON OWN ACCOUNT

Greek Provisional Govern-
ment Formally Declares,
Athens Reports

BUCHAREST THREATENED

Teuton Drive On Roumani-
an Capital Seems to Have
Started In Earnest—
Great Battle In the Balk-
ans Before Long

(By the United Press)
Athens, Nov. 25.—The Greek provisional government, headed by ex-Premier Venizelos, has declared war on Bulgaria.

GERMANS ADVANCE ON BUCHAREST

London, Nov. 25.—The German drive on Bucharest has apparently started. The reported crossing of the Danube by Teutons at Simnitza and Von Mackensen's reported crossing in Dobruja and the retreating of the Roumanian lines in the Al valley, all lead military experts to believe the forces are being drawn up for one of the greatest struggles of the Balkan campaign.

ARMY HOLDS EDGE IN GAMES WON OVER NAVY

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 24.—When the Army and Navy meet tomorrow at the Polo Grounds here it will be the twenty-fifth football contest between the two branches of Uncle Sam's service schools. Of the twenty contests already decided the Army holds the edge by one victory, having captured ten contests; the Navy nine, and one has been a tie.

THE AMERICAN PEACE COMMISSION TO GET TWO WEEKS' RECESS

(By the United Press)
Atlantic City, Nov. 24.—A recess of two weeks is expected to be granted to the Mexican members of the American Peace Commission, to enable them to present the new border patrol plan to Carranza.

BIG NAVAL BILL TO BE FIRST TO COME UP

Washington, Nov. 24.—The 1918 naval appropriation bill probably will be one of the first great supply bills ready for consideration in the House when Congress convenes next month, despite the fact that it will carry a total of nearly \$400,000,000.



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The Moroccan Paramount Star