

KINSTON SCHOOL OF TOMORROW WILL BE COMMUNITY CENTER

Dr. Spilman Gives Views at Educational Rally in High School

PUBLIC MUST TAKE HAND

Meeting Was Intended for Mass of People and All But a Few of Them Stayed Away—But They Will Come, Says Curtis

The first of a series of public educational rallies was held in the High School building in North Kinston Friday night. It was a rally so far as enthusiasm and the merit of the program were concerned, but really, rally could not be applied to the audience. The public just didn't rally. The public sent about 150 or 200 representatives and then stayed at home and down town.

Mr. B. P. Smith made the opening prayer. Superintendent A. R. Curtis of the City Schools announced the purpose of the meeting and stated with regret that Mayor Sutton, who was to have presided, was detained down town by a business matter. The Mayor had very graciously offered to throw up the private affair and go anyway, but Mr. Curtis had refused to hear of that.

Mrs. Dan. Quincy rendered a song number, Miss Jessie Wilson accompanying on the piano. Mrs. Quincy was compelled to respond to an encore. The High School's best singers rendered a pleasing number.

Dr. C. B. McNairy, Superintendent of the Cawwell Training school, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. B. W. Spilman—"our own Dr. Spilman." Dr. McNairy had quit getting wood after dusk and had come supperless to the meeting. He wished he could make a speech, he said, and succeeded, in spite of his idea about it, in making a very passable address. At least, the audience gave him credit for it.

Dr. Spilman reviewed the oldtime school methods, said he had been to a public school only a day and a half in his life, put an imaginary boy into a chair close by where he was speaking, dismissed the feminine program for convenience sake and explained it carefully to his hearers, stated that he had never been a girl in his life, told his auditors to tell the municipal authorities what he said and launched into a delightful, practical dream about "Kinston's School of Tomorrow."

He said in part: "Kinston's school of tomorrow inherits a gothic history. A long list of men of the very finest type have given instruction to the youth of this community.

"But we are facing a new era in the world's history. The whole world has become a neighborhood. The booming of the big guns of Europe affected business conditions in the little village of our western plains. With the close of this world war there will be a readjustment of the world on a scale which has not been seen before. Our schools must prepare for this new day.

"The teaching of languages, history, and the natural sciences will always hold a central place in every system of education worthy of the name. But education is something more than mere culture. Utility holds a place—a very prominent place, in the education of the efficient man. Character is the most important factor in the educational process. It is the most valuable business asset.

"The school of tomorrow will be tested by its product. Given a normal child under normal conditions what kind of man or woman appears at the end of the educational process. The product is dependent upon the educational process. What we put in the curriculum comes out

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BIG BUSINESS DOES NOT STINT MAKING GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

Number of Great Bonuses and Wage Increases Announced—One Company Gives Six Millions to Workers

(By the United Press)
New York, Dec. 16.—Record Christmas bonuses and increases of salary for employes of New York corporations continue today. The biggest gift reported is six million dollars by the American Telegraph & Telephone Co. to workers. Other gifts are: Broadway Trust Co., 10 per cent.; Citizens Central National Bank, 10 per cent.; James Ball, brokers, 10 per cent.

GOVERNORS MEET NEXT IN SALT LAKE CITY

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Governors' conference in session here voted today to hold its next annual meeting in Salt Lake City, at a time to be fixed by the executive committee composed of Governors Manning of South Carolina, Spry of Utah, and Capper of Kansas. Former Governor Fort of New Jersey was re-elected treasurer of the conference.

WHEAT BREAKS MORE THAN THIRTEEN CENTS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—In a frantic stampede today wheat prices were trampled down 13 1/8 cents a bushel. The prime reason for the break was a German official suggestion of limited but universal disarmament.

VILLA WOULD PLAY QUITS WITH UNITED STATES; NO CHANCE

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—A Mexican court reached the final ruling today on Francisco Villa's case. The 475 miles west of Minamie the former dictator of Chihuahua, with proposals for the United States government that Villa would refrain from the further destruction of foreign life and property in Mexico on condition that the United States would not interfere in any way with his campaign against the Carranza government. This was officially announced late today.

Washington Disinterested.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Any suggestion of an agreement between the American government and Villa is regarded by administration officials as unworthy of consideration.

CONDEMN DEPORTATION OF BELGIAN MALES

New York, Dec. 15.—Vigorous expressions of indignation were voiced at a mass-meeting held here tonight to protest against the "engagement of Belgians" by the German government. The deportation of the Belgians was condemned in letters read from Theodore Roosevelt, Archbishop Ireland, Joseph H. Choate and Bishop Thomas R. O'Gorman of Sioux Falls. Equally forceful were addresses delivered by Elihu Root, Jas. M. Beck, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States; Alton Manning, rector of Tr. D. Parker and the Rev. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity church, who presided.

LONG-WINDED STRIKE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Dec. 16.—Wilkes-Barre's fourteen-months-old street-car strike ended today when the strikers voted in favor of peace proposals drawn by members of the United Mine Workers.

MEWBORN & CO. TO QUIT BUSINESS, IS SURPRISE TO CITY

Queen Street Gets Shock of the Year When News Is Told of Liquidation of One of Kinston's Most Stable Firms

The firm of T. W. Mewborn & Co. is to go out of business. Kinston is to lose one of its oldest and most important business institutions. The simple announcement, made by Mr. T. W. Mewborn, senior member of the firm, and appearing in Saturday's Free Press, came as a surprise and shock to Kinston's business circles. Perhaps no firm in this section is doing a larger volume. The authorized announcement assigns no reason but states that the voluntary liquidation will commence at once, and the large stock of goods will be offered for sale at cost beginning Monday morning.

T. W. Mewborn & Co. has been in business in Kinston for twenty-nine years. The firm occupies one of the best commodious and best appointed stores in the State. They deal in practically everything for the farm and city trade. Live stock has been an important feature of their business and farming implements, their ready-to-wear and millinery departments, comparatively recently added, have entered to the most exclusive trade.

The firm a partnership, is composed of Messrs. T. W. Mewborn and J. W. Braxton. Mr. Braxton has been inactive for the past year or more due to ill health. Mr. Mewborn intimated to a representative of The Free Press, when interviewed Saturday morning, that no plans had been made other than the immediate liquidation. This will, of course, require some little time.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER EAST CAROLINA TOWNS AND COUNTIES

C. P. Blackwell, colored, broke up a negro dance at Washington when he saw a woman dancer. Two bullets struck her. Her partner fell to the floor with her. He was uninjured. The woman may die. The assassin escaped.

Miss Jash Taylor, a Washington resident, has complied with a request from Hannah M. Dean of New Jersey to send her the "toughest, longest and thinnest razor-back hog in Beaufort county for a Christmas gift."

Mr. Henry Ward, 68, a well-known Greenville woman, is dead. Greenville wants a boat line to Washington.

Allen Ward, thrown through a plate glass window in a runway at Greenville, was not seriously cut.

E. B. McLEAN GETS INCOME OF MILLION

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 16.—Edward B. McLean will have the entire income of the estate left by his father and is recognized as the sole head of the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, by an agreement reached out of court and approved today by the District of Columbia Supreme Court. The income is estimated at a million yearly.

COTTON

Cotton sold here Saturday at from 16 to 18 cents. Receipts were kept down by the cold weather. New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	18.29	17.96
March	18.49	18.19
May	18.67	18.38
July	18.74	18.40
October	16.80	16.57
December	18.15	18.04

GERMANY READY TO ACCEPT TERMS WHEN ALLIES WANT THEM

Von Bernstorff Encouraged by Procedure of U. S. Government

WILL TALK ANY OLD THING

Connected With the subject, America Not to Supplement Berlin's Proposals Now Seems to Be a Settled Fact

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 16.—Germany stands ready to give the Allies a full statement of terms in a peace conference.

This statement was made officially following a visit of Von Bernstorff to Lansing today, although Ambassador Von Bernstorff said he does not know officially what these terms are.

At the same time Germany is now ready to discuss disarmament, the creating of a league to guarantee peace, and kindred subjects that may arise from any peace negotiations. Von Bernstorff sought official word confirming this country's intention not to supplement Germany's peace proposals at this time.

While the ambassador refused to talk about this government's plan it is known that the German authorities are not discouraged by the fact that America will not now negotiate. On the contrary, they believe President Wilson has "left the way open to act later," and hence are encouraged.

FREDERICK WILL BE FREED, IS BELIEVED OUTSIDE COURTS

LaGrange Negro Not Apt to Die for Assault on 2 Girl of Own Race—Hobbs Cleared on Money Larceny Charge

Sherman Frederick, colored, who goes on trial in Superior Court here Saturday for his life, charged with assaulting a Moseley Hall township colored girl, is expected by LaGrange people to be acquitted. They say they think there is nothing in the case that a jury will be likely to convict Frederick on.

Joe Hobbs, white, a former soldier, charged with robbing a South Kinston resort of a sum of money, was acquitted Friday afternoon. The prosecuting witnesses were Helen Smith and Ike Adler. Policemen believed the prosecution was a frame-up.

Flain Sparrow, charged with assaulting his wife, was discharged. Angus Brown, guilty of gambling, was allowed to go with the payment of the costs.

VARNER SAYS HE'LL TELL GOVERNMENT ABOUT PAPER TRUST

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 16.—Additional evidence tending to show the existence of a paper trust will be filed with the Department of Justice within a few days by H. B. Varner, a North Carolina newspaper publisher, he said today. The Federal Trade Commission will soon be able to place the responsibility for paper prices, Commissioner Davies announced.

MANY AMERICANS TO BE ARRESTED ALONG BORDER, IS REPORT

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Dec. 16.—Wholesale arrests of Americans here and at other border points accused of a breach of the neutrality laws, in fomenting or aiding revolutionary actions of different Mexican factions, is planned by American secret service agents.

MOST VALUABLE OF CROPS; FOUR WORTH MORE THAN BILLION

Washington, Dec. 15.—All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year. Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe were responsible for the large increase in value.

Four crops each were worth more than a billion dollars. Corn, with a total value of \$2,207,741,000 showed the greatest increase, being worth \$77,403,000 more than last year's crop.

Cotton, the second most valuable, with a total of \$1,979,093,000, increased \$1,475,378,000 over last year. Wheat, the third, was worth \$1,225,705,000 or \$83,462,000 over the year before when the production was about 400,000,000 bushels more.

Hay was fourth, with a value of \$1,508,504,000, an increase of \$95,000,000.

JURY FINDS McCOY GUILTY CONSPIRACY

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—Thos. P. McCoy of Asheville, N. C., was convicted by a jury in Federal District Court here today of conspiracy to defraud the government of revenue on whisky distilled at the Long Branch distillery here. The case was completed late today and the jury was out an hour and ten minutes before returning a verdict. McCoy's attorneys informally gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

It was announced that sentence will not be passed on McCoy until after the prospective motion for a new trial has been heard. The maximum penalty is four years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$20,000.

PROF. MUIENSTERBERG DIES WHILE LECTURING

(By the United Press)
Cambridge, Dec. 14.—Prof. Hugo Muensterberg of Harvard, the noted German psychologist, dropped dead today while lecturing to a class of students at Radcliffe.

BRITISH AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE IN ASIA

London, Dec. 15.—British troops have taken the offensive in the region of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, and have occupied Turkish positions on the Hai river, south of Kut-el-Amara, says an official statement issued tonight.

BILL DUPREE SHOT BY BEN FAULKNER SATURDAY

Mr. Bill Dupree was shot in the breast by Mr. Ben Faulkner Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The altercation took place at the Central Warehouse. The cause or other facts were not obtainable before going to press. The injury of Mr. Dupree is painful, but not necessarily serious, according to Dr. Hargrove, who attended him.

LOCAL PROHIBITION FORCES WILL RALLY TO NATIONAL CAUSE

Davis Comes Here Sunday to Lead Union Meeting in Gordon Street Christian Church—Lively Service Promised

In Gordon Street Christian church Sunday night there will be a big union service in the interest of National prohibition. Other churches are expected to forego their own services and meet in Gordon Street church. Every member of every congregation, say local prohibition advocates, "should try to be present."

Rev. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, will make an address. He always has something interesting to tell. "He is on fire," says one friend of Mr. Davis, "with a great zeal, and will warm up those who hear him." There will be lively songs and a special solo by Mrs. Dan Quineley.

WESTMINSTER TRIO HERE MONDAY NIGHT IN LYCEUM COURSE

The Westminster Concert Entertainers will be the next number of the Lyceum course under the auspices of the Mothers' Club. This clever trio will be here Monday night, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the First Baptist church. The presentation of their performance, as the others in the course, will be for a playground benefit.

There are few companies in the lyceum of whatever size that compare with this big little company. They are but three in number but can fill an evening to overflow with their rollicking entertainment. The entertainers are Mr. Larry Ball, truly Scotch; Miss Dorothy Cole, a daughter of the Emerald Isle, and Miss Inez Wilson. Mr. Ball gives stories and songs in Scotch; Miss Cole is the reader-accompanist; Miss Wilson is the soprano. Mme. Wagner-Shank organized this company.

Dr. Lem. Broughton, lecturer, will be here December 28th.

STILL, CHRISTMAS ISN'T HERE YET

This mellow drama was acted in the Southern Express office the other day:

Clerk—Where'd you order yours from? Nothing doing. Next!
First Ducky—Oh, ————
Exit.
Clerk—Where'd your's ought to come from, "Jim?" Investigation. Slow music.
Second Ducky—Well, sir, ————
Exit.
Clerk—How about your's, nigger? Fountain of youth discovered.
Third Ducky—Tancky, boss, thancky.

MORE HARD KNOCKS FOR JOHN BARLEYCORN

Washington, Dec. 15.—Legislative measures aimed at destruction of the liquor traffic continue to accumulate in Congress as both houses are deluged with petitions from all parts of the country urging adoption of the national prohibition constitutional amendment and passage of other anti-liquor measures, including the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia.

The House Postoffice Committee opened the door to another phase of the problem today in reporting favorably a bill designed to close the mails absolutely to advertising of any intoxicating liquors and to deny mail order houses the right to go into either "wet" or "dry" territory to solicit sales through the medium of the mails.

GREECE INJECTS A GENTLE STING INTO REPLY TO DEMANDS

Hopes for Resumption of Good Relations and "Reciprocal Confidence"

COMPLIANCE COMPLETE

That New Franco-British Cabinets Are Doing Things Noticed by Peoples—Verdun Offensive Is One Indication

Athens, Dec. 16.—The Greek government's reply accepting the demands of the Entente Allies is in complete compliance with their ultimatum and contains an expression of hope for the resumption of "traditional relations with the Entente nations based on reciprocal confidence."

New Ministers Hard at Work.

London, Dec. 16.—The first evidence of new blood injected into the British and French governments through the cabinet reorganization was seen today in the reply to the ultimatum to Greece and France's new Verdun offensive.

Official Statements Brighter.

London, Dec. 16.—Acceptance by Greece of the Allied terms will undoubtedly reflect credit on Lloyd-George and Premier Briand, justifying the recent revolutionary policies of both England and France. News from all sources today continued to pile up evidence of a renewed determination to wage the war to a successful end. Official statements which recently were drab and colorless, now reflect new inspiration and joy, in much the same tones as they did in July when the Big Push started.

National questions hanging fire for several weeks and months, are rapidly taking shape under the vigorous leadership of Lloyd-George.

Newspapers all emphasize General Nivelle's "push" at Verdun as a fitting reply to the German peace offers.

Bulgars Take Town.

Sofia, Dec. 16.—Occupation of Ploesti is announced in a Bulgarian Reparation From Greece. statement.

Athens, Dec. 16.—"Legitimate satisfaction" is promised for the attacks upon the Allies here on December 1. Arbitration is suggested for adjustment of the details. The Greek reply to the Allied demands concluded with a hope that the Entente would reconsider the blockade decision.

DODGE BROTHERS CAR PERFORMS AT VERY LOW COST

Out in Los Angeles there is a Dodge Brothers car that is establishing a record for consistent performance.

Used as a "jitney" by P. F. Kritch, it has regularly covered 1,000 miles week for 20 weeks and bids fair to continue to travel at the same rate for many weeks to come.

Mr. Kritch uses the car on a route which covers eight miles in the city, and each day he drives back and forth over this route.

During the 20,000 miles he has averaged slightly more than 20 miles to the gallon of distillate, which he uses in place of gasoline, and he has used only one and one-half sets of tires. He got 17,000 miles out of his front tires and 11,000 miles from the tires on the rear wheels.

DROWNED WHEN SMALL BOAT SUNK UNDER HIM

Southport, Dec. 15.—Allen Hewett, employed on the government dredge Henry Bacon, was drowned this afternoon when a skiff he was using to fix a pipe line sank.