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By Walt Mason.

THE SURRENDER.

Moving slowly o'er the deep sail the German battleships, and sailors have to weep as they see their flag's eclipse; verily the head is sore of the Prussian commodore, as he nears the British shore, while the skipper sadly skips. Sad and gloomy as a hearse, is the flagship of the fleet, and the other ships are wore, and the captains have cold feet; 'tis a black and gloomy fate for a navy that was great; says the bosun to the mate, "This is blitzen and repeat." Said the kaiser in his pride, "Prussia's future is afloat; round the world my sword shall ride in a Hohenzollern boat"—but his warships sadly sail to a British naval jail, and the stricken sailors wail. "This is where we lose our goat." Oh, the British long had prayed that those ships would come and fight, but the Teutons seemed afraid of old England and her might; so, unobscured by a shot, they are sailing for the spot where the British squadrons squat, and the flag they bear is white. "Oh, our future on the wave," said old Wilhelm, on a day; and that future found a grave where the heaving billows play; there, among the cultured sharks Prussia gave up all her ark, while the captains made remarks that would make your hair turn gray.

W S S

A cloudy day and sorry lights.

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The President seems desirous of visiting all the kings in sight.

W S S

Senator Overman's investigation will show the country some of the former friends of Germany. These are pretty well known and if the investigation could show those still latent on helping the Hun it would be good service.

W S S

WALTER PAGE DEAD

Walter Page is dead at Pinehurst and a great man has fallen, a big North Carolinian and one who was most valuable in his day and rendered high service to his country as ambassador to Great Britain where he served for six years, covering the period of the great war. Mr. Page was a big man, a forward looking man and one who spoke freely and frankly for advancement and progress.

W S S

REDEEM THE STAMPS

Good people we must redeem these war saving pledges, we must meet this promise to take and buy the stamps we agreed to some time ago. We agreed to meet the obligation by the first of the year, only a few days remain in which to make good this promise. Our allotment is short, and our pledge amount has not been reached as yet, so if we are going to take care of this it is time to do so. The war saving sale ends with the year. Little more than a week of working days remain in which to attend to this matter. If we cannot subscribe the whole amount asked for, let's meet the obligation already pledged and buy the stamps promised to buy.

W S S

RED CROSS ROLL CALL LAGS

The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is lagging behind in the state and in this county. So far the campaign to enroll the whole people on the Red Cross membership is disappointing. A message this morning from State Director Jackson states that North Carolina is making a bad showing. The main point is not that the state is not doing her duty, but that we are neglecting a sacred obligation. Rowan is in the same class with the remainder of the state and is failing to meet this most pressing and sacred obligation. Three days yet remain, three days in which we may redeem ourselves and save us from falling far short of a privilege and obligation. Let us yet show that we are alive to this duty and give the Roll Call a very hearty response.

W S S

JOYNER RESIGNS, BROOKS NAMED.

The resignation of Dr. Joyner came as a complete surprise to the people of the state, though it seems he had some time ago advised the governor of his intention. The state was fortunate in having the splendid services of Dr. Joyner through these many years as the directing genius of the educational policies of the state, and he did a great deal to better our conditions, though there are many things yet undone. Dr. Joyner was a most capable man and as superintendent of public instruction he measured high up and wrought well. He rendered his state a magnificent service and passes on to his successor a splendid foundation for greater things. Dr. Brooks, who is to succeed Dr. Joyner, will make good for he has the ability and vision to make a great superintendent, and we believe that he will.

W S S

NOT TO TAKE HARBOR.

General March States That War Department is Not Considering Taking New York Harbor. Although it has been suggested.

CANDIDATES WHO STAND FOR SOMETHING

While we are discussing gubernatorial candidates why not see what they stand for, as well as what they have done for the party in the past, only now and then does a candidate appear who really has something more than a desire for the office to offer. North Carolina needs the leadership of the highest type and courage. The state is behind in a good many ways and there are so many opportunities for men worthy to be governor to outline a progressive policy and lead the people to something definite and worth while. The voters are growing tired of having men offered only on their past party record or on the strength of the claim that their section is entitled to recognition. Offer a man who will step forward with some definite program that would mean something good and big for the state. One who would unselfishly throw himself into the fight to lead the state to real accomplishment. Aycock is the only man who has ever voted for in this state who came with a message and carried through a great program. In all respect to the splendid fellows we make governor, congressmen and other official servants Aycock is the only one we recall who went far beyond the selfish desire to get the office and promote self. We are not saying that many of these men have not measured up or that they have failed to make good. What we are saying is that North Carolina needs a real leader, one with brains, vision and unselfish purpose who can and will lead forward one who not catering to the powerful with voting strength will outline and carry through in statesmanlike manner some real and much needed reform and accomplishment for North Carolina. Every man who has been mentioned for the office of governor is qualified, big enough for the place, loyal and devoted to the state, but not a one is identified with any movement for the advancement of the state or shows promise of waging a campaign above the average campaign for votes. We want to vote for men in North Carolina who have something to offer, something to add to the state and to the happiness and progress of the people. There is opportunity, but the need of the hour is the man of vision, of unselfish devotion to principle and with a burning desire to do something more than win a nomination.

W S S

FOOD RESTRICTION IS A THING OF PAST

Food Administrator's Office Issues Order That With Today Restrictions at All Public Eating Places are Removed. Beginning, today, Monday, December 23, all formal restrictions for public eating houses are rescinded. This means that with today there will be no longer the war time restriction hanging over the tables, the hungry man at the tables in public places. It means that with today the public eating places are again on normal schedules and feeding people as of yore, but still with the necessity of saving at all times. The removal of these definite restrictions is in line with the policy the food administration has followed since the signing of the armistice, it does not mean that there is no need for further conservation. It simply means that conservation as a war measure is no longer necessary. The demand for food stuffs is greater today than it would have been if the war had continued, but the motive is a humanitarian one and not war necessity. The state food administration office has asked that in wiping out the restrictions as a war measure the public bear in mind that the need of conservation is still with us and the people must do their part in saving and conserving food. The food administration takes occasion to thank the public eating houses for their splendid co-operation during the strict conservation program. With few exceptions the public eating places in the state have responded heroically and done their part most patriotically. The working force at the state administration office has been greatly reduced and the few remaining employees will still be on hand to protect the public and to enforce the few remaining orders that may be necessary for a while.

W S S

ITEMS FROM FAITH.

The Cream of News From Faith Gathered By Our Correspondence and Sent in for Christmas Readers. Faith, Dec. 22.—Rev. J. W. Snider, G. W. Green and C. V. Rhinehardt came up to Faith from Concord in their automobile and Mr. Green placed his order with Willie Foil for a portable corn mill and Rev. Snider gave his order to J. T. Wyatt for some granite for a church. That's the way they do business. Mrs. D. G. Witt and little daughter, Louise, and little son, Charley, of Mt. Airy, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, at Granite Quarry. Private Mose L. Wyatt is in a hospital in France. He is a son of Jessie F. Wyatt of Salisbury. They just received a letter from him. Miss Elsa Peeler, one of the telephone girls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peeler, who died at Granite Quarry was laid to rest at the Union church cemetery by the side of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Peeler. The pall bearers were T. N. Page, H. L. Lyerly, Daniel Frick, Bob Bown, John Lyerly and R. C. Kirk. She will be missed by her many friends and relatives. She was a fine young lady and was liked by all who knew her. The obituary services were conducted by Rev. C. R. Pleas.

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Samuel Fraley raised some fine radishes, some of them weighing 5 pounds each.

Mr. A. L. A. Lyerly who lives on Mr. T. M. Hines farm above Salisbury is a bustling farmer. He and his brother cleared up a piece of creek bottom land on M. L. Jackson's farm and got 350 cords of wood and then planted it in corn and made five hundred and two bushels of corn. Who can beat that? Verna is wishing all his readers and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W S S

ENROLL IN RED CROSS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Official figures on the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call show that up to Friday night 10,122,400 persons in all parts of the country had joined the organization for the year 1919. The figures made public here tonight show for the Atlantic division 2,600,000 members; Lake division, 1,180,000; Northwest, 238,000; Gulf, 50,000; Mountain, 87,000; Southeastern, 1,051,000; Southern, 209,000; Central, 4,000,000; Pacific, 229,000; Pennsylvania, 407,000, and Insular, 4,400. Twenty-five per cent of the population of New York state was enrolled.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—In line with the policy it has pursued since the signing of the armistice, the food administration is consistently and as rapidly as possible removing definite rules and regulations affecting the handling and consumption of food stuffs. State Food Administrator Henry A. Page today announced that practically all rules and regulations affecting the wheat and corn milling industry have been rescinded effective immediately. Mills will remain under license and be subject to some degree of control but the regulations fixing a fair price schedule on feeds, the percentage of extraction, etc., are removed. Effective Monday, December 23, the definite regulations governing public eating places are rescinded. The state food administrator has written to the 2,000 public eating places in North Carolina advising them of the removal of these restrictions, but pointing out that there is even greater need for food conservation now than there would have been at this time had the war continued. The definite restrictions are removed because there is no longer any war necessity for them. The motive for conservation from now on is humanitarian and, therefore, the matter of conservation must be left to the conscience of consumers.

On account of the removal of a large number of rules and regulations, and a consequent decrease in the volume of work handled by the food administration, effective January 1 the organization of the food administration will be very materially reduced. Already the sugar division has abandoned the field. After this month the office staff which, with clerical and stenographic help, numbered approximately 35 during the summer and fall, will be constituted as follows: John Paul Lucas, executive secretary; Jos. B. Oshesire, Jr., director of enforcement; Mrs. F. P. W. Adackes, chief clerk; Miss Emoth Tuttle, chief, price interpreting division, together with one or two stenographers. The food administration has released 10 of the 15 offices it has occupied, and within the next two or three weeks will release others. The state organization, consisting of county, city and township food administrators, will remain intact, keeping steadfast on the job until the food administration automatically goes out with the coming of formal peace.

The chief activity of the food administration, until the signing of the treaty of peace, will be the preventing of speculation and profiteering in essential products, and the direction and promotion of such a degree of food conservation as will enable America to fulfill its pledge to export 20,000,000 tons of foodstuffs to starving European nations.

Because of the necessity for the continued control of food prices and profits, the food administration will maintain a sufficient inspection force in the state to detect and punish any merchants who are disposed to take advantage of the world food situation in order to profiteer. The schedule of wholesale and retail profits promulgated by the food administration remain effective, and will no doubt be effective until the treaty of peace is formally signed. The schedule of prices on cottonseed and cottonseed products it is indicated will also remain unchanged.

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DR. JOYNER OUT AS SUPERINTENDENT

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Dr. J. Y. Joyner has resigned as state superintendent of public instruction and Governor Bickett appoints E. C. Brooks, of Trinity college, as his successor. The resignation and the appointment to be effective January 1. The resignation came as a complete surprise here, although it seems that Dr. Joyner had notified the governor last summer that he contemplated such action. Dr. Joyner has been state superintendent of public instruction for 17 years. Dr. Brooks, the new state superintendent, was for a number of years connected with the state department of education before he joined the faculty of Trinity college. He is an educator of recognized ability, and is familiar with the work of the state superintendency. Dr. Joyner's resignation is declared to be purely for the purpose of taking a much needed rest. However, in spite of this, gossip is getting him very much entangled as a strong possibility in the next race for governor and also as president of the University of North Carolina, as successor to the lamented Dr. E. K. Graham.

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CASUALTIES OF RUSSIA TOTALED 9,150,000 MEN

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men, according to a telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed. The disabled men number 1,450,000, while 3,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoner total 2,500,000. Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war made last week by the Russian information bureau director, A. J. Sack, in New York, figured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life." Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette and published November 25, placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed.

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FOR CROUP.

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

EX-JUDGE OWEN GUION TO SUCCEED WHEDBEE.

Governor Bickett Settles Contest Between Everett and Guion in Latter's Favor. Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Governor Bickett turning up unexpectedly tonight from Baltimore, appointed Judge Owen H. Guion, of New Bern, judge to succeed Harry W. Whedbee, thereby settling a race that had become exciting, with H. J. Everett leading in bar indecisions. Governor Bickett was moved to name the elder of the trio by the fact that Judge Guion had served on the bench, is a season trial officer and in the governor's opinion a highly able lawyer. Everett and Guion had received as flattering support as any barrister in the east could have done. As county food administrator, Mr. Everett was rated by Henry Page as high as any in the state, and Mr. Page is soon as he gets home tonight will write a letter to the governor which will not do a bit of good. Newspaper men will miss the presence of ex-Congressman Thomas, who was due here to protest the Guion appointment as a provoker of factionalism in the district, but Mr. Thomas will read the shocking news tomorrow that it's too late. Assuming that human elements except the appointment it may be added that Craven gave Bickett, with Judge Guion's mastery direction, a big majority, while Pitt went for Daughtridge. The governor gives high tribute to the two men whom he could not appoint.

W S S

OUR ROUMANIAN LEGATION ROBBED.

Loot Valued at \$100,000 Taken Presumably by Germans, After Minister Left. Washington, Dec. 18.—The American Legation at Bucharest was found to have been entered and robbed when American Minister Vopicka returned. Mr. Vopicka reported to the state department today that goods valued at more than \$100,000 were stolen from twenty-two trunks which had been left at the legation by Americans for safekeeping. The seal on the doors was broken and the legation building seriously damaged. Germans are believed by the Minister to have been responsible. Minister Vopicka left Bucharest when the Rumanian court and Government were compelled to flee in November, 1916, at the approach of the German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen. For several days before this, many persons had deposited their valuables at the legation in the hope of saving them as it was impossible to move them.

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UNPUBLISHED CASUALTIES SAID TO TOTAL 66,892

Washington, Dec. 19.—Casualties of the America expeditionary forces which have not been published but which have been announced officially by General Pershing had been reduced at noon, December 18, to a total of 66,892. These, the war department announced today, were classified as follows: Major casualties, including killed in action, died of wounds, died of disease and died of other causes, 1,580. Wounded, 64,862. Missing and prisoners, 350. A large proportion of the 64,862 names listed as wounded are minor cases, it was said, many patients having long since recovered and returned to duty. Officials explained that the total is really less due to the fact that General Pershing's total included more than 4,000 wounded, which already have been published by the marine headquarters here.

W S S

SOME WALLOW

The score stood three to nothing, and von Hindenburg's fast curves had set the batter down on strikes, and chilled the slugger's nerves. Old von had speed and great control—he wouldn't give a pass—His whizzing shots and sudden drops were full of steam and gas—His infield wobbled in the ninth—they gave him bad support—But with three runners on the sacks old Von held the fort! Two men struck out against his skill—he hummed his Hymn of Hate, Then snickered as a substitute came slowly to the plate. "America—pinch hitting now!" the umpire shouted loud, And a great, worried silence fell upon the throbbing crowd. "Ach, vot a mark!" laughed Hindenburg, and he shot a fast one in—the batsman watched it sizzling by with a sarcastic grin! Another came—right through the groove—the hitter swung his ash, And all the great pavilions rang, and echoed to the crash! In vain the German fielders ran—they stumbled, tripped and reeled—That mighty hit was sailing on, and passed down center field! And while the wild applause was heard from Washington to Rome, France, Italy, and England, and America, slid home! —Wm. A. Phelon in Baseball Magazine.

W S S

HOME MILITARY FORCES RAPIDLY DEMOBILIZING.

Has Practically Reached the Goal of 30,000 Daily—Prisoners Released. Washington, Dec. 21.—Demobilization of the home military forces at the rate of 30,000 a day, the goal set less than a month ago by the war department, has been reached, if not exceeded. General March, chief of staff, announced today that demobilization of the home camps during the seven day period ending December 14, was at an average of 27,000 a day although no men were discharged from most of the camps on Sunday. Total demobilization on December 14 had reached 29,962 officers and 188,562 men. The chief of staff said more than 900,000 men have been assigned for early demobilization, including 21,000 divisional troops, 43,000 engineers and 16,000 men of the military aeronautics division. General March made public a report that on December 15 a total of 3,210 American officers and men, taken prisoners by the enemy had been released and that only a few Americans in isolated camps remained prisoner. Red Cross workers and allied and neutral agencies report said, are now searching for the few Americans still held prisoners. President of Czecho-Slovak Republic. (By the Associated Press) Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 23.—Prof. T. G. Masaryk, president of the Czecho-Slovak republic took the oath of office as president today in the diet building.

W S S

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SECOND-HAND MACHINERY FOR SALE, IN GOOD CONDITION, ADDRESS P. O. BOX 112, GREENSBORO, N. C., GIVING PRICE AND PARTICULARS: Boiler 70 or 80 H. P. and engine 50 or 60 H. P. Planer corresponding to Newman No. 97, gang edger, double-end trimmer; fan, give size; dust pipe; shafting, pulleys and belting. 26-27

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FOR SALE—Owen's combination Pea and Bean Thresher. Guaranteed to thresh and clean any pea or bean from vine or pod. Double cylinder, front 20", rear 16". One Owen's double row pea and bean harrower, never set up. One or both cheap for cash.—E. M. Peeler. 23-20-14.

KEPT DOVER STRAITS CLEAR BY BIG BLUFF.

Germany Bought Plans For Defense That Existed Only On British Paper. London, Dec. 18.—The story of the greatest bluff of the war is told by the Manchester Guardian, a well informed newspaper. When her submarine campaign began in earnest, Germany was getting many submarines through the Straits of Dover despite all that the British anti-submarine boats could do against them: A wonderful fixed barrage was then designed for the straits—only designed with extraordinary electrical appliances, alarm signals, contact mines, electrical wires and dozens of new secret devices. By some means these designs fell into the hands of German secret agents. It is said Germany paid \$20,000 for them. Then there was peace in the Straits of Dover. The barrage—on paper—was too formidable and complete for the German submarines in that stage of their development. Germany knew—or thought she knew—when she was beaten, and for more than six weeks there was no attempt to break through the barrage. There was, however, no barrage except as it existed in the designs which had been foisted upon Germany. England had neither the right mines nor the mechanism to make them ready at the time. This story is not guaranteed by the Manchester Guardian, which, however, declares it is not more astonishing than some authenticated naval legends of the great war.

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LAST OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE GONE FROM FINLAND

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—A Helsingford telegram states that the last of the German troops, under General von Goltz, have left Finland. A British squadron is expected at Helsingford soon, deferring to the continued fears of bolshevik aggression in Finland, the correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet, at Helsingford, telegraphs that Finland's attitude with regard to bolshevism in Russia is simply defensive. The Finnish government is aware that bolshevik pressure upon the frontier is a constant danger to the people of the country, and therefore its interest is to eradicate this danger by attacking the evil at its source in Petrograd but it has no intention at present of taking active steps in this direction, as the entente powers have not yet decided to do so. Finland can only proceed with such military action when the entente decides upon active military intervention.

W S S

WHAT TOM SPARROW THINKS OF COUNTY AGENT

"I like the plan of allowing the pigs to make hogs of themselves instead of waiting on them like they were in a hotel," remarked Tom Sparrow, of Gaston county. "I have been feeding my hogs perfectly good high priced corn, with just a little accidental pasture occasionally, until this year when Count Agrest, J. B. Steele got me to try a field of soybeans and corn, and put a temporary fence around it so that the hogs could help themselves. I like this plan so well that I am going to double my herd of Berkshires, and use soybeans for the fall and winter feed, and other grazing crops the rest of the year. In this way I get both a crop of corn and a crop of hogs. The soybean vines and keeping the hogs, also, greatly improve the land. This is about the only way that I know that a man can 'eat his cake and keep it, too.' "This year the demonstrator helped me build a silo, put in stanchions for my Jerseys, and put water works in my kitchen. Of course, I don't give him credit for everything I do, but at the same time I am well worth having around, and I am always glad to see him come."

W S S

STEALS \$750 IN GEMS

Asheville, Dec. 19.—While a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles French Toms of this city last night Theodore W. Richards, a seaman of the U. S. S. Massachusetts, helped himself to \$750 worth of jewelry, it is charged. Richards was arrested today at noon by the police and is in jail tonight in default of \$1,000 bond. He claims to be only 15 years old. He has visited here frequently and is well known among the younger set. Boston is thought to be his home although he at first refused to tell where his people could be found. He admitted the theft, it is said, and the sale of one ring and expressed regret for the affair.

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FOR SALE—A good farm well timbered; good location. Apply 529 W. Cemetery. 12-20-21.

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TO THE PUBLIC—We have installed a corn cob crusher and will be pleased to have your business. Ludwig Milling Co. 9-4.

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UNCLE STRONG'S PENETRATING SALVE

Guaranteed to relieve influenza, cold, cough, pneumonia or money refunded. Send \$1.00 to Dr. Strong Westbrook, 310 E. 10th Street, Charlotte, N. C., and you will get your medicine by return mail.

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ROLL CALL GOING GOOD IN SOUTHERN DIVISION

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—With a large number of chapters yet to be heard from and no results from the rural districts yet reported the southern division of the Red Cross is going strong in its campaign for universal membership. Influenza and bad weather have undoubtedly retarded the enrollment of members in many places but all reports show a widespread interest in the roll call and the prospect of making the answer unanimous before the week is over is good. So far Georgia leads the states in number of reported memberships with Tennessee a close second. LeGrange, Ga., exceeded her quota the first day enrolling more than 5,000 members. With only two days' work yet reported from only a portion of the chapters the division total is climbing toward 200,000. Officials are confident of excellent results in the next few days.

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"In its natural state, the alligator eats nothing from September to May." And the higher eggs and butter go, the more we envy alligators. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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HILLSBORO COUPLE TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Hillsboro, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Harris, of Hillsboro, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their home here on December 23. The couple were married in Raleigh, December 23, 1868. They resided in the capital city until 1877, when they removed to Chapel Hill, where Mr. Harris became publisher of the Chapel Hill Ledger. He later moved to Hillsboro, where for over 20 years he has published the Orange County Observer. He has also served several terms as mayor of Hillsboro. Mrs. Harris (formerly Anne Hodge) was born in New Bern and was residing in Raleigh at the time of her marriage. Three sons, Joseph Arthur, Edward Monroe and Charles Hines, the latter two surviving, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The sons are both engaged in business in Philadelphia, Pa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris are still active and show keen interest in all that concerns the welfare and prosperity of the people of Hillsboro, by whom they are held in high esteem.

W S S

RECEPTION TO CHINESE

High Mucks of Chinese Empire at Reception and Many Foreigners Are Among Guests. Peking, Oct. 27.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—More than 100 foreign men and women attended a reception given by President Hsu Shih-chang and Mme. Hsu in the historic Imperial Palace yesterday afternoon. The diplomatic establishments, the press and the business world were represented in the list of some 500 invited guests. As this was the first social functions on a large scale in which the new executive had participated since his inauguration, the event was of unusual interest, apparently to the Chinese guests as well as to foreigners. Utmost simplicity characterized the affair. The big audience chamber, doubtless the scene of epoch-making events in the past, was decorated with chrysanthemums and asters. A military band heralded the entrance of the president, who took a post before a gigantic floral pyramid in the center of the hall. The president is a medium sized man, stockily built, with a pleasing countenance and a reassuring smile. He was attired in frock suit and looked up-to-date eastern dignitary. He negotiated the official of handshaking with all the ease and dignity of a western public official. Since he speaks neither French nor English, Dr. Charles D. Tenny, Chinese secretary of the American legation, acted as introducer for a time, presenting several members of the diplomatic corps, but presently even that formality was abandoned. This ceremony finished, the president joined Mme. Hsu who meanwhile was holding a reception in an inner apartment for the women guests. A studied foreign style was served, after which guests were invited to view a collection of portraits of emperors and empresses dating back to the foundation of the empire.

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ASKED TO PAY CHRISTMAS BONUSES IN STAMPS

Winston-Salem, Dec. 20.—Col. F. H. Fries, State Director of War Savings, has issued a letter to all business enterprises in the state whose rating is \$5,000 and over, according to Dunn's rating, asking them to use War Savings Stamps in payment of bonuses and dividends to their employees and in making the usual Christmas gifts. Already a number of firms have expressed their intention of paying bonuses and Christmas gifts in War Savings Stamps, and it is now seen where thousands of dollars will be invested in Stamps by this method. Colonel Fries is making this request of the business men of the state, first, as an effort to raise North Carolina's allotment and, second, as a means of impressing the necessity of thrift, saving and investing upon employees. War Savings Stamps are an investment at a good rate of interest on unquestionable security, and ever employ should be the owner of as many of these securities at the end of this year as he can afford by the strictest kind of saving.

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REPEAL ZONE SYSTEM SECOND CLASS RATES

Committee Plan for New Rates on Insurance Companies Except Life Approved. Washington, Dec. 19.—By adopting the finance committee amendments to the war revenue bill affecting second class postage, an insurance companies, the senate today cleared the way for disposal of the few other contested, but important features remaining. Leaders now have increased confidence of passing the bill before adjournment next Monday. By a vote of 34 to 22 the senate approved the committee amendment proposing repeal next July 1 of the present zone system of second class postage rates and substitution of a rate of one per cent per pound within 150 miles and one and one-half cents beyond. Most of the day was spent in spirited discussion of this amendment and one by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, for a modified zone plan, which was rejected without a roll call.