

## New Bern Suffrage League Is Active

The Organization Is Making Rapid Strides and Is Gaining In Membership and Prestige. Important Meeting Held During the Past Week—Delegates Are to Attend Meeting in Raleigh—Resolutions Passed.

While the general public has of late heard but little of New Bern's Equal Suffrage League, this organization under the capable leadership of Mrs. Charles Huford is fast growing, both in membership and influence.

Keeping in close touch with the State League, of which Mrs. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill is the president, the local organization is making a thorough study of the suffrage question in its many phases and are keeping abreast of the times in a growing sentiment for "the cause."

A most interesting meeting of the League was held during the week just past and at this, numbers of important matters were brought up and discussed. Chief among these was the decision to have a "public debate" at which time the question will be: "Resolved, that Equal Suffrage would be beneficial to all women but especially so to the self-supporting women."

The League also decided to send a delegate to Raleigh to attend the mass meeting which will be held there at an early date and adopted a set of resolutions which touch upon the moral condition of the country, the existing situation in Europe, etc. These resolutions which are of interest to all, follow.

**The Resolutions.** Whereas, the progress of the State is proportionate to the health of its citizens, and whereas North Carolina presents a poor health record in comparison with the other nineteen States of the Union that have vital statistic laws, therefore be it

Resolved, that we do place ourselves on record as favoring every effort to put down intemperance, and to promote health and safety, and as advocating in every county the appointment of a full time health officer with police authority.

**As Sherman Said.** Whereas, war is the greatest calamity that can befall organized society, and whereas the present European war is destructive to art and property and a hindrance to every forward movement advocated by women, and involves a loss of life and property that is incalculable, and is bringing suffering on countless helpless people; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do deplore and disapprove of war, and do lend our hearty sympathy to all the oppressed and suffering of every nation, especially to the innocent women and children.

**Support Wilson.** Whereas, the wise counsels of the rulers of our country have thus far safely guided its policies so as to keep us free from foreign entanglements and have made it possible for us to avoid engaging in war; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do heartily support the policies of our government to the full extent of our "indirect influence," and about a peaceful settlement of the present difficulties, and do at this time commend to our women the study of every means that may promote and secure peace and establish arbitration between classes and among the nations.

**Child Labor Question.** Whereas, Child Labor is a wrong to the race and an injustice to the coming generation and a relic of less civilized times; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do advocate the freeing of the thousands of children in our own State who are now working at such labor and under such conditions and during such hours as are harmful to them physically and mentally, from this condition of bondage, by the passage and enforcement of more human child labor laws, especially such as are recommended by the Child Labor Commission and approved by the North Carolina Social Service Conference.

**Social Immorality.** Whereas, social immorality can exist in any community only so long as the citizens are favorably disposed to it, or are indifferent to the welfare of the young and unprotected members of the community; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do strongly urge our members and all thoughtful men and women to openly express their disapproval and disgust at the existing immoral districts, disreputable houses, and unscrupulous persons in our commonwealth, and do exert every effort to rid our state of this "cancer eating at the heart of the nation."

**Commend Californians.** Whereas, The women of California are making supreme efforts at

MME. CAILLAUX.



Mme. Caillaux, the slayer of Cammenti the French editor and which created such a sensation in France just previous to the war, is said to have joined the Red Cross relief corps and is now nursing the wounded French soldiers at the front.

## BRITISH CRUISER CAUSED TROUBLE

One of England's Vessels Brought Forth Carranza's Decree

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 23.—A British cruiser was the cause of Carranza's decree against oil operation in Mexico according to reports brought here today on the Wolvin liner "City of Mexico."

Carranza's decree demanded immediate cessation of all oil operations in the Republic. The order was suspended a few days later, supposedly for the reason of American and British representations.

Arrivals from Vera Cruz declare that the British cruiser appeared off Tuxpam and demanded that oil operations be allowed to resume and threatened the bombardment of the town. This caused Carranza to rescind the order.

## VILLA'S SOLDIERS ARE UNDER FIRE

Attacked By the Troops of Generals Herrera and Gutierrez

Agua Prieta, Mexico, Jan. 23.—Official advices have been received here to the effect that the Constitutionalist generals McLoio Herrera and Louis Gutierrez, have effected a junction of their forces and attacked the Villistas troops at Reata in the State of Coahuila, completely defeating them.

The story to the effect that Villa's troops are attacking the city of Tampico is without the slightest foundation, the Carranza forces being in complete control.

## NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

(By G. W. Taylor and Sons)  
Middling 7-80  
Strict Middling 7-70  
Good Middling 8-100  
Receipts yesterday 15 bales.

W. P. Haskins left last night for Cove City.

Immense cost to provide adequate moral protection to the young people from every State and country who will visit the World's Fair next year; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do heartily and by letter commend the action of these western women and do lend them our moral support in their effort to protect our sons and daughters and those from other States from the evil influences that have hitherto been a stain on every great World's Fair.

## PLAN TO RECLAIM LAND WORTH MANY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Immense Drainage Project Will Prove of Inestimable Benefit to City

## WILL SELL BONDS

Proceeds From the Sale of These to Be Used in the Work

A movement has been launched in New Bern which means the expenditure of eighteen or twenty thousand dollars in a drainage project which will reclaim thousands of dollars' worth of property, in and near the city, and do more for the health of the people and the eradication of the mosquitoes than anything that has ever been done. The property, which lies west and south of the Oaks road, has been formed into a drainage district under the North Carolina Drainage Law, which was enacted a few years ago, and a board of commissioners composed of A. T. Dill, W. C. Willet, vice-chairman; George D. Dail, secretary and R. A. Nunn attorney, has been appointed by the clerk of the court on a recommendation of the property owners in this district.

**What It Includes.** In addition to a large body of land west of the city, this district includes a portion of Jacksonville, Hendersonville, Reidsville, Pavia Town and Dufftown, which becomes flooded every time there is an excessive rainfall. For illustration, during the heavy rain last week, as far down as Frog Pond was flooded and in this section the water was almost up to the doors of the street cars. The canals which will be cut to carry the water off will be sufficiently large to hold all the water from the heaviest rains, and flood gates will be made to keep the tide water back during the high tides. The water will be carried to Neuse river through Jack Smith's and Ramsey's creeks, and a flood gate placed on each creek near its mouth.

**To Cost \$20,000.**

The Drainage Commissioners organized under the name of the New Bern Drainage District. It is estimated that the proposed work will cost in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars, and the amount will be raised by the issuing of bonds to be taken up within ten years by a special tax levy on the property within the drainage district. The amount of the bonds will be sufficient to pay for the work and pay the interest for the first three years, thus giving the land owners a sufficient time to receive some revenue from the reclaimed land before it has been of any actual cost to them. This project was launched through the untiring efforts of Mayor Bangert, supported by the Board of Aldermen and City Physician Dr. J. F. Patterson, and is considered by all who understand the existing conditions, as one of the wisest actions taken by the present administration.

The bonds will be advertised and sold and the actual work begun as early as possible. The plans have been drawn by Civil Engineer R. R. Eagle, and he vouches for their success from an engineering standpoint.

## MERRIMON NEWS.

Items of Interest From That Locality.

Merrimon, Jan. 3.—Capt. Willis was here last week taking on a load of stakes for the Seaford Co. to be carried to Hatteras.

Melvin Morris was a visitor at our Sunday School last Sunday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Felton Friday evening a son.

Mr. Gus Fuleher and family were here Sunday visiting his daughter Mrs. J. F. Nelson.

W. T. Jones of Hertford, who is working in the interest of the State Farmers Union, spoke at Bachelor last Wednesday and organized a Local Union of eighteen members at that place. He also spoke at Merrimon on Friday night.

Miss Ethel Caraway spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Uldine Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Goodwin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Caraway.

Mr. J. E. McClellan is at Oriental this week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Amanda Phillips and Mrs. Amanda Mason were over to see Mrs. C. B. Caraway Monday evening.

E. Anderson and William Foyville, colored, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street, yesterday charged with carrying on an affair, and fined two dollars and fifty cents each and taken with the rest.

## THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL TO SENATE YESTERDAY

Was Passed By the House On Friday Night With But Few Changes

## "SUBS": NUMBERED

Several of Our New Fighting Craft Are Given Official Titles

Washington, Jan. 23.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$101,000,000, went to the Senate today from the House, where it was passed last night with but a few changes from the military affairs committee. When the bill is taken up in the Senate it is said the fight for an increase in the military establishment will be continued.

The amendment would require that all munitions of war provided for in the bill be manufactured in government plants.

## Submarines Numbered.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Announcement was made at the navy department today that the eight submarines authorized at the last session of Congress have been designated as numbers 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59. From numbers 53 to 59, inclusive, they will be known respectively as the N-1, N-2, N-3, N-5, N-6, and N-7. Number 52 has not yet been named.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—To build a great lighthouse on Diamond Shoals, at Cape Hatteras, the place of all others the most dangerous to shipping on the Atlantic Coast, is the proposition upon which a hearing was held today before the Interstate Commerce Committee of House of Representatives.

Congressman John H. Small has introduced a bill to authorize the construction of this lighthouse by Captain A. F. Ellis of Boston, who is the author of the design and his associates, who are I. J. Merritt of the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company and Franklin Remington of the Foundation Company of New York, who is one of the leading submarine construction engineers in the country. All of these parties, as well as Congressman Small were present at today's hearing and made statements. Mr. Small declared to the committee that he felt confident Captain Ellis, and his associates, would be able to build the lighthouse according to the plans which he had seen and studied before introducing his bill.

The Small bill provides that the United States shall pay to Ellis and his associates the sum of \$1,250,000, which may be paid in three substantially equal annual installments the first within one year after completion of the lighthouse and the other two installments within the second and third years after completion of the annual installments of \$100,000 for five years after completion and the remainder of the full sum of \$1,250,000 at the end of this five year term. The bill is a long one and protects the government elaborately against any loss in the event the lighthouse attempt is not successful.

## JOHN C. SCALES LAID AT REST

Now Sleeps in Beautiful Cedar Grove Cemetery

The funeral service over the remains of the late John C. Scales, who died at his home, number one Union street, Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Christ Episcopal church by Rev. B. F. Huske, and the interment made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

In the death of Mr. Scales New Bern loses one of its most prominent citizens, the local Pythian Lodge, one of its faithful and loyal members, and the Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, one of its oldest active and most honored members. As a citizen he was always to be found on the side of any subject that was for the moral uplift of the city. His untiring services to his lodge won the highest regard and respect of each member. In the rear of the procession from the home to the church and from the church to the cemetery was the old Atlantic engine, the Atlantic hose wagon and the Fourth Ward hose wagon all draped in mourning. Beginning a short time before the service and continuing until the body had been carried to the cemetery, the fire bell was tolled, as an honor to his memory.

Mr. Scales is survived by his wife, five daughters and five sons, all of this city, two sisters, Mrs. G. S. Waters, of New Bern and Mrs. Sarah Rogers, of Edwards, and one brother, George B. Scales of Norfolk.

## BAPTIST WOMEN TO PAY NEW BERN VISIT IN MARCH

Three Hundred Are Coming From All Parts of the State

## MISSION WORKERS

Preparations Now Under Way for Their Entertainment

Beginning on March 23 and continuing through the 26th New Bern will have as its hosts three hundred or more members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Missionary Union of North Carolina and already preparations are under way for the entertainment of these guests who were invited to come to the "Athens of North Carolina" at the last annual meeting of the Union which was held in March, 1914, at Hendersonville, N. C.

The entertainment of the visitors will not be left to the Baptists alone but every denomination in the city will assist and render whatever aid possible. Practically every home in the city will be thrown open to receive the visitors and no efforts will be left undone to make their visit a profitable as well as a pleasant one. Mrs. J. B. Blades, a leader in the religious work of the city, has been selected as the chairman of the entertainment committee and she has appointed an able corps of assistants to aid her in this work.

## The Program.

A program for each of the three days is now in preparation. This will be filled with events of great importance; events which will be of material interest and real worth to each one of the delegates. Numbered among the participants will be women of National as well as State fame. Miss Fannie Hicks, president of the Union, will probably not be present as she is now undergoing treatment in a hospital at Richmond, Va., and her condition is such that there is slight hope of her recovery.

## Meeting Place.

All of the sessions of the Union will be held in the First Baptist church and in addition to the usual business session meetings will be held in the afternoon and the evening and these will be both for men and women. A complete list of the delegates and the places at which they are to stop while in the city will be announced later and will be published in this paper.

The work of installing a new Atlas engine and lowering the pumps at the Water and Light plant, is being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The engine has been installed and has been in use for several weeks but the work of lowering the pumps has not been completed yet. The condenser and one of the pumps have been placed in position and put in operation, but another large pump is to be lowered.

## THE MARKETS.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 23.—Cotton bulged 8 to 11 points on the opening call today in sympathy with the much higher Liverpool prices, than due, but advance was not maintained because of the bullish showing made by the returns on ginning from the census bureau. Half an hour after the opening of the market stood at a net gain of only 1 to 2 points.

## STOCK RECEIPTS.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Hogs—Receipts 11,000; strong. Bulk, 6.75 to 7.00; light, 6.55 to 7.00; mixed, 6.40 to 7.10; heavy, 6.40 to 6.95; rough, 6.40 to 6.55; pigs, 6.40 to 7.10.

## LIVERPOOL SPOT COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 23.—Cotton spot steady. Good middling 5.40; middling 5.05; low middling 4.61; sales, 6,000. Speculation and export, 2000; receipts 21,446. Futures firm. May and June 4.92 1-2; July, August, 4.97; October-November 5.09; January-February 5.12.

## NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES.

New York, Jan. 23.—Cotton futures opened firm. March 5.75; May 5.35; June 5.00; July 5.12; October 5.23; November 5.35; December 5.48.

## NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 23.—Cotton opened steady. Jan. 5.30; March 5.20; May 5.04; July 5.12; October 5.07.

## German Fortifications Are Destroyed By the British Aviation Corps

J. P. MORGAN.



J. P. Morgan, one of the country's leading financiers, is responsible for the statement that the financial condition in the United States is growing better daily and within the course of three months will be even better than before the war began.

## FIREMEN TO BE GIVEN GOOD TIME

Plans for the Tournament Have Already Been Started

The Legislature, now in session, is to be asked to authorize the donation by the city of New Bern of five hundred dollars which is to be contributed by the city toward entertaining The North Carolina Firemen's Association when they meet here this summer for their annual convention and the State Firemen's Tournament. While the event is some months hence, the members of the local fire companies have already begun to plan for the event and the 1915 tournament will doubtless go down in the annals of the history of the organization as one of the most elaborate ever held. Nothing will be left undone for the visitors of which there are expected to be at least two thousand, every minute will be filled with interesting and pleasurable events. In addition to the events scheduled on the regular tournament program which will include the hose wagon races, the fire engine tests, grab reel races, etc., a number of other stunts will be pulled off. It is planned to have a spectacular water carnival and this will be something never before attempted in this State. The week will also be filled with social activities and there will be something doing every day. The program of the meet is now in preparation and will be made public at no late date.

E. J. Matthews has returned from a visit to Havolock.

## ALLEGED TRAIN WRECKER RELEASED

Will Green Allowed to Go Free—New Developments

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—One suspect, held on the request of the Seaboard Air Line Railway's officials, by the Raleigh police, was this afternoon released upon the receipt by Chief Charles Walters of a telegram from special Agent Silas Robertson. The prisoner's name was Will Green, colored. He was ordered held here, but when the telegram came Chief Walters had him released. Green is an ex-fireman on the Seaboard Air Line.

M. R. Kelly will be brought to Raleigh on the charge of check-flashing when the Seaboard officials are through with him. Chief Walters got word to that effect Friday also. The chief will be notified when he is sent. "Didn't get through with him," was the way the last telegram read.

## FIND STOLEN GOODS.

Norfolk Southern Detectives Make A Raid.

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 3.—A raid on the storehouse of John Smith, a wine dealer, near Cumberland Mills, about three miles from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track, by the city police, sheriff deputies and two detectives of the Norfolk Southern, captured, it is said, the largest store of merchandise yet.

Officers at this writing are still handling in goods of all description. Freight trains, stopping at the coal chute, near the city, would be boarded and goods thrown out along the track, and wagons would pick them up and carry them to Smith's store.

The robbers, in a wagon, after being fired on, escaped.

This systematic robbery has been going on for years. Smith is a prominent farmer of the county. He has not been heard of for some time.

Britons Show the Teutons That They Also Are Versed In the Art of Aerial Warfare—Did Great Damage Yesterday and Escaped Without Being Injured—Outcome of Yesterday's Fighting Was In Favor of the Allies.

London, Jan. 23.—Central News Cable—While French and British troops were attempting to force their way through the German line today east of Lombardy, a corps of British aviators flew high over the battlefield and attacked the rear gun positions of the Kaiser's forces at Bruges, Zeebrugge and Ghent. Serious damage was done to the German fortifications which protect the canal approaching Bruges. The German aeroplanes soared into the sky to pursue the attacking squadrons but the Britons regained the English lines safely. Violent battles are in progress in Alsace on the Hartmann-Weilerkopf hill and to the south near Aisne. The conflict in the Hartmann-Weilerkopf region where a hand to hand fight has been continuous for two days, has not assumed a decisive phase, but near Aisne the French have driven the Germans into retreat toward Petit Kahlberg.

## Aerial Activities.

London, Jan. 23.—Recent activities of German aerial raiders continue to hold public attention in England to the ever-present fear of a concerted onslaught from the clouds. Last night there were reports from the east coast of England that German Zeppelins were again flying over Norfolk headed in a southerly direction, and a note of alarm ran through the country. Hurried investigation, however, brought no confirmation, and this morning the report seems to have been unfounded.

However, there was a fatal German air raid yesterday on Dunkirk, France. Aviators threw 80 bombs on the French port. Six persons were killed and sixteen wounded. A Zeppelin reported over the British Channel yesterday, and Ostend is credited with seeing one this morning.

A report from Constantinople on military developments avoids any reference to the recent Russian claims of decisive victories at Kara-Urgan and Sari-Kamysh, but recites a Russian defeat in the Caucasus, and said that in Arabia the Turks have defeated certain British contingents.

**Allies Occupy La Bassee.** Paris, Jan. 23.—"It is reported that La Bassee, thirteen miles southwest of Lille, is now occupied by the allies," says the Matin's St. Omer correspondent today.

"After concentrating strong forces near Festubert, northwest of La Bassee, the Germans on Monday night tried to force the British lines," says the correspondent. "They made their attack in massed companies but the British kept up a withering fire and resisted with courage and energy. Several attacks were delivered without any success whatever, the Germans being repulsed every time with heavy loss despite their numerical superiority."

"British positions in the region of Festubert have been reinforced in anticipation of fresh attacks."

"On Wednesday afternoon there was furious fighting between La Bassee and Festubert resulting in a sensible advance of the allied front and it is now reported that the former town is in possession of the allied troops."