

BIG ATTRACTION HERE WOULD KEEP MANY FROM COMING BACK.

"Sweethearts" Makes Long Jump to Play This City.

Making a long and side jump in order to include Wilmington in its short and select tour of the South, the big New York attraction, "Sweethearts," reached Wilmington this morning.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Thousands of aliens, who have returned to their native lands to engage in the war, would be barred from returning to the United States by an amendment to the immigration bill adopted today by the Senate.

its ranks some of the highest salaried musical comedy folks. Wilmington theatre-goers evidently have a rare treat in store for them tonight at the Academy, if they only realize it in time. The attraction comes highly praised by the press of numbers three-score and includes in

THE BEGGAR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

By F. G. King.

Again dawns the Master's birthday near, With all its Yuletide glee. The bells ring out their gladdening notes O'er every land and sea.

Perhaps Lazarus some day I'll behold, Once glad of crumbs he, like I, And now he's gowned in spotless white, Dwells in a mansion in yonder sky.

See yonder tall and lofty spire Where Jesus welcomes in the poor. But ragged as I am, forlorn— I fear to enter at the door.

He speaks of the Star of Bethlehem That guided Wise Men along the way, With gifts of gold and frankincense, Foretold Christ's glory—the coming days—

And myrrh He said they also brought, A symbol He was to die The Thorn-Crowned King of Calvary, In Joseph's tomb He was to lie.

The sermon said, the blessing given, I creep back to my lodging cold. I kneel to thank my Gracious Lord For the precious Gift far more than gold.

A scowling form steps to my side, 'Tis the grasping landlord, yes, I know, "Come—a shilling for your bed past due, Or quickly in the street you go."

In vain I plead my trembling limbs, My eighty years—my locks of white, But heeding not—with vile oath, I'm thrust out in the bitter night.

I know a mission, 'tis but a mile, Where the outcasts they can go, If my weary limbs will bear me Through the drifts of falling snow.

I'll press on—for 'tis cozy there, A welcome, too, for young and old. The latchet unlocked in the oaken door, When the wintry winds blow cold.

Would that I had a coat of fleece And shoes without a single hole, Great steaming bowls of soup to drink— 'Twould warm my very inner soul!

Just one shilling—'tis but a mite, Yet would have saved me from the icy blast. Alas, I fear 'tis now too late, The gaunt King approaches—Death I am no longer hungry now— My body, growing cold, seems warm.

I stagger, fall on bed of snow, To die the day Christ was born. The watchman peers through falling snow, With glowing lantern, polished shield. Stops—gazes on the frozen dead, The Beggar's Gift to Potter's Field.

The field of blood of trust betrayed, Bought with treason money to His Lord, By Judas who hung to hide his shame, And before cast down, the blood-stained hoard.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



LAUDS DR. McCracken.

State Paper Speaks in Glowing Terms of Fifth Avenue Church's Pastor. The Raleigh News and Observer has the following to say editorially of Rev. J. H. McCracken, the new pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church:

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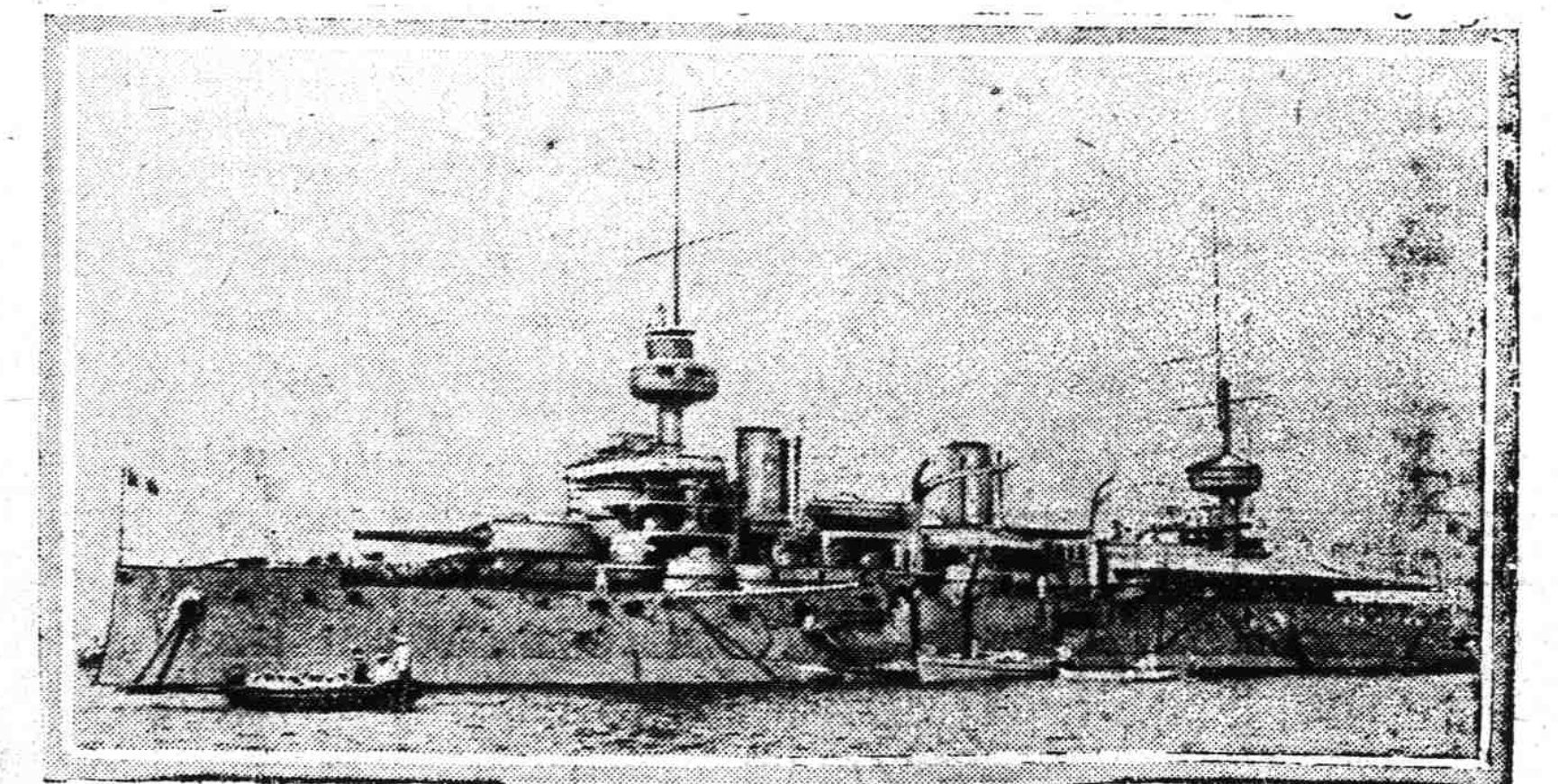
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FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUF FREN LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD.



FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUF FREN LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD. Paris, Dec. 13.—All latest indications are that the French battleship Suffren has been lost with all on board. Nothing has been heard from her since she left port on November 24, and the Minister of Marine believes she has been sunk.

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