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SATURDAY... DECEMBER 16, 1916.

Wheat took a slump in price and therefore flour commenced to drop in cost.

Recorder Harriss and Probate Officer Hinman have taken firm, yet gentle hold of the juvenile criminal situation.

Quite a number of cities will press invitations for the next convention of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly.

In the course of an editorial, further protesting against a pardon of the reprobate Thomas, the Greensboro Record says:

"We have received several letters from different places asking us to enter vigorous protest against the proposed pardon.

RUSSIA'S PART.

Evidently Russia has its eye on the possession of Constantinople, and it is just as evident that Germany and her allies have no idea of including relinquishment of this coveted seaport to the Muscovite government.

This accounts for the quick rejection by the Russian Duma of the peace proffer, of course, and it brings to the fore the point that either Russia must be satisfied and Turkey disappointed, or vice versa.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER SUFFERS.

The Dispatch extends sympathy to the esteemed Charlotte Observer in its loss by fire, which occurred early today.

Editor Ed Britton continues to draw praise for the newspaper institute of the North Carolina Press Association.

And also the Chadbourn Herald, that live paper that is published in one of the best counties in the Old North State.

STATE HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST.

A committee of three of the Alumni of the University who have been for the past three weeks endeavoring to secure a reversal of certain decisions and requirements of the Committee at the University in charge of the State High School Championship contest in football.

On Nov. 20th Kinston was notified by the committee that Kinston was scheduled to play Goldsboro at Goldsboro in the elimination contest on Saturday, Nov. 25th.

Rule 7 of the Regulations for 1916 under which these contests were held reads as follows:

Immediately after Nov. 20th, the committee in consultation with the different managers and coaches will arrange the games of the championship series for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final state championship game.

to observe rule 7, quoted above, since it was known and published in the press of the State that the western games had been arranged for by a conference with coaches and managers.

After several costly and fruitless efforts by telephone to get a change of this game to neutral ground these efforts being brought to a close by a flat refusal to further consider a change.

No conclusion was reached during the committee's stay at Chapel Hill but President Graham, in further effort to make a fair settlement arranged a conference at Goldsboro on Nov. 26th with the High School committee and Goldsboro and Kinston.

Kinston immediately wrote to President Graham that the conference had failed to reach a conclusion, asking what further could be done.

In the whole controversy Kinston had no contention with Goldsboro whatever and never protested the admission of Goldsboro to the elimination contest, feeling that a game on neutral would settle every point at issue.

The proposition presented for the consideration of the public and for the High Schools who engage in athletic contests under the rules made by the High School Athletic Committee at the University, and its own rule of reason, justice or equity.

Peterson & Ruirs, headquarters for Christmas slippers, 14-16-17-20-22.

RETIREMENT OF NOTED NAVAL OFFICER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—One of the most widely known officers of the United States Navy reached the age for retirement today in the person of Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, commandant of the Narragansett Bay naval station, and president of the United States Naval War College, at Newport, R. I.

Admiral Knight reached the rank of rear admiral in 1911, after many years of sea service in all parts of the world, interspersed with periods of shore duty at Annapolis and in Washington, in responsible teaching or administrative positions.

Give Shoes for Christmas, Wilmington Shoe Company.—Adv.

Art Exhibit at Washington. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The best exhibition of contemporary oil paintings ever seen in the capital was opened to the public today at the Corcoran Art Gallery.

PLANNING A BIG SCIENTIFIC MEETING

New York, Dec. 16.—The knowledge acquired by thousands of men of science toiling in every field of human interest will be placed before the public during the Christmas holidays.

It is announced that the coming gathering will probably prove the largest and most important scientific meeting ever held in America or elsewhere.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is one of the oldest scientific organizations in the country. It was formed in Philadelphia in 1840 by a few geologists and naturalists.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

Southport, Dec. 16.—The death of Mr. T. M. Thompson, a well-known citizen of this city, took place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and the funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Thompson had been critically ill for some months and his death was not wholly unexpected.

Tommie Thompson, as he was so well known to hundreds of people in this section of the State, was a most likeable and lovable character.

New Fight Club at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 16.—A new boxing club has been launched in New Orleans with several well known sporting men among its backers.

To Seek Marooned Comrades London, Dec. 16.—New Zealand dispatches state that Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous explorer of the Antarctic, sails in the ship Aurora today from Dunedin on his second attempt to rescue the members of his expedition who were left marooned in the Ross Sea when his ship broke away in a blizzard in September, 1914.

SERMON TO CONDUCTORS.

Dr. Hurt Will Conduct Annual Services for O. R. C. Rev. J. J. Hurt, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the annual sermon to the local division of the Order of Railway Conductors, their brothers and co-workers, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

WALL STREET EXPECTS A FINE CHRISTMAS

New York, Dec. 16.—The Wall Street Christmas stocking this season will be larger and better filled than ever.

Dr. Vineberg MASONIC TEMPLE. Useful Gifts are appreciated most of all. Many useful things are here in wide variety.

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When the Appetite is Poor When the Digestion is Weak When the Liver is Lazy BUT, the all important is, that it helps Nature in restoring normal conditions. Insist on

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YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR

December 16, 1915—Italian destroyer Intrepido and transport Re Umberto sunk in Adriatic; Austrians advanced in Montenegro, while Italians landed army in Albania; Germany reported lively artillery actions and great aerial activity on western front and minor attacks by Russians.

Practical Xmas Gifts

Useful Gifts are appreciated most of all. Many useful things are here in wide variety. Might we suggest, for instance: A new pair of glasses for father or mother. Automobile spectacles for the friend who drives. A dainty little gold eyeglass chain. Silver or Aluminum Fancy Cases. EYES EXAMINED FREE.

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READ BUSINESS ADS TODAY

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916. WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS. WEEK DAYS.

EASTBOUND. WESTBOUND. Leave Electric Center for Winter Park. Leave Electric Center for Wrightsville. Leave Electric Center for Beach. Leave Beach for Wilmington. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington.

SUNDAYS.

EASTBOUND. WESTBOUND. Leave Electric Center for Winter Park. Leave Electric Center for Wrightsville. Leave Electric Center for Beach. Leave Beach for Wilmington. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington.