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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1916.

Booze shipments into Virginia and the Carolinas are said to have congested transportation and clogged the wheels of the express companies. If Brother Davis has his way this will not occur again—so far as the Old North State is concerned.

There seems to be a mixed opinion in the neutral countries as to the result of President Wilson's peace note, while the entente countries do not appear to look upon it with much favor. Still it is causing talk, and the more people can talk about peace the quicker peace will come. So it is well even if peace is "cussed."

But a little while and the general assembly will be in full blast. The coming session promises to be of more than ordinary zest and interest, too. Not simply because the biennial "dry" agitation will break loose, but because, by reason of the constitutional amendment, the legislators will have to hurry right on the start with their local bills and after that will have more time to devote to consideration of statewide measures.

Wilmington Raleigh, Charlotte and Savannah are each to have a packing house. It begins to look as if every city of importance in the South with the single exception of Norfolk will soon be provided for in this regard. Isn't it about time we were falling in line—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

We should answer in the affirmative, unless Norfolk simply wants to take the dust of the procession as it speeds away in the gloaming.

WILMINGTON DID ITS PART.

The people of Wilmington have a right to enjoy this Christmas to the fullest. Not merely because Wilmington has been happy during the year and because the future seems bright, but because there must come that glorious satisfaction of having done its part, and nobly, in looking after the unfortunate ones of the city. The kind and charitable hand of the old city has been stretched far this Christmas. Those who would have gone Christmasless today were saved the pain of it. Hearts in every section of the city were gladdened by the thoughtful acts of the folks of this city.

SHOWING PROSPERITY.

Undoubtedly the people of America have been freely supplied with money this Yuletide. This is reflected in many ways. The large increase of mail deliveries, more express business and greater trade for the retail stores all go to show it. Regardless of the fact that certain things are higher in price the people bought them. The answer to this is, of course, more money.

The heart of the country also seemed to beat warmer, as corporation after corporation was found dividing profits with its employes. If the year had been lean with these corporations, which are of varied nature and found in every part of the country, this would not have happened. It is nothing derogatory to make such observation. It is only a fact governed by a business policy.

The bonus-granted by employer to employe was a gracious act, and there should be no desire to detract from the generosity of it, but at the same time, it was a wise business move. Better work may be expected from the employe. It may come unconsciously, but it will come just the same. The employe will desire more to remain with such an employer and there will be the men who will like the chance of being in his service. The consequence will be that the employe will work harder.

President Wilson will indeed recognize the business ability of woman if he places Miss Ida Tarbell on the tariff commission, and that within itself will give the "votes for women" cause a bigger boost than the President's declaration for a constitutional amendment in their behalf. Incidentally, such appointment would prove fitting appreciation of Miss Tarbell's work for him in the campaign; a service rendered simply through principle, as Miss Tarbell was a convert to the Wilson cause.

Interestingly writes the editor of the Charlotte Observer about the proposed, or, rather, the supposed appointment of Miss Tarbell.

"The interesting report has gained circulation that President Wilson intends appointing Miss Ida Tarbell to membership on the new Tariff Commission, and the rumor seems to hold the interest of the newspapers. Most of the comment is favorable—some of it even enthusiastic. Miss Tarbell's equipment for the position is undisputed. The only objection that could be possibly raised is that she is a woman. But even that might prove a desirable qualification. Miss Tarbell is a student in the school of the tariff. It may be, as suggested by The Baltimore Sun, that we shall be forced, after the war, into retaliatory measures that are offensive to the principles are constructed by the Democratic party. But the fundamental natural laws regarding foreign trade will not be changed by the legislative acts of any country. It is essential, then, that such changes as are made in our tariff schedules should be made by students familiar with those laws and capable of appreciating both the immediate and ultimate effects of the changes. The Sun is confident that Miss Tarbell has this knowledge, and that if she is appointed, 'no one will question the fitness of the appointment.'"

Chances grow decidedly slim for the Hon. Jeems Mann landing in the speakership chair, upon which he has long had his eye, with a palpitation of the heart that must have jolted his ribs. Representative Gussie Gardner has bolted, to hear him tell it, and should the Republicans have a working plurality in the House every vote will be necessary. Whether or not Congressman Gardner sticks to his "bolt" it is interesting to learn that he can berate some one other than Secretary of War Daniels.

NEW CONCERNS FOR THE SOUTH

Large Amount of Important New Enterprises Chartered Past Week.

Baltimore, Md., December 22.—Announcements which are of special interest, as well as requiring expenditures of large amounts of capital, are among the many connected with Southern developmental enterprises of the past week. Today's Manufacturers' Record tells the essential features of these enterprises, and they include activities in glass bottle manufacturing, electricity generation and distribution, coal mining, graphite mining, iron and steel manufacturing, lead and zinc smelting, lumber manufacturing, meat killing and packing, etc. The big enterprises include: \$2,000,000 glass bottle factory in West Virginia; \$1,500,000 causeway construction in Texas; \$1,000,000 electric-light and power enterprise in Oklahoma; \$500,000 graphite mining and milling corporation in Alabama; \$500,000 expenditure for additional improvements and developments of iron and steel corporation in the Birmingham district; extensive additional plants for manufacturing steel sheets by important corporation of the Wheeling district; \$350,000 lead and zinc smelter in Arkansas; etc.

From the details in today's Manufacturers' Record are taken the following brief reports of a few of the many developmental announcements of the week:

American Bottling Co., subsidiary of Owens Bottle Machine Co., Toledo, O., will build \$2,000,000 plant for manufacturing pint glass bottles at Kanawha City, W. Va.  
Galveston County Commissioners, Galveston, Tex., and several railways interested decided upon type of construction for new length of causeway spanning Galveston Bay; plans provide for reinforced concrete construction and a total expenditure of \$1,500,000.  
Consumers' Light & Power Co., Ardmore, Okla., incorporated with \$1,000,000 capital to generate and distribute electricity.  
Republic Iron & Steel Co., Birmingham, Ala., will expend \$500,000 within the next two years for additional improvements and developments in the Birmingham district; betterments to include constructing electric plant to furnish power for Warner, Palos and Sayreton, install new mine with tipple and washer at Palos, etc.  
Royal Graphite Mining & Crucible Co., Goodwater, Ala., chartered with \$500,000 capital to build graphite mining and milling plant.  
Whitaker-Glessner Co., Wheeling, W. Va., awarded buildings and machin-

OF "HAIL COLUMBIA"

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Patriotic societies of Philadelphia have launched a movement for a suitable observance next month of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the death of Joseph Hopkinson, author of the song of "Hail, Columbia." Hopkinson was born in Philadelphia in 1770 and was a life-long resident of this city.

Hopkinson wrote his famous song with a distinct patriotic purpose and under conditions that make it of particular interest at the present day. It was written in 1798, while war raged between France and Great Britain.

The American nation was only ten years old. Much of the animosity of the revolution survived. The veterans of that memorable struggle felt their wounds to have healed.

On the other hand, it was impossible for any patriotic American to forget the services that France had rendered for the cause of the colonists in the war with Great Britain. She had sent an army and a fleet to America, she had stood the ally and foremost friend of America among the nations of the earth.

It was natural, therefore, that there should be a strong tide of American sympathy with France. But the new nation was compelled to consider the first law of nature, that of self-preservation.

Her foremost statesmen appreciated the peril of entering upon a course that might make the United States a participant in the wars of European nations, in which this country had absolutely no interest.

"Hail, Columbia," was written by a man wise enough to endeavor "to get up an American spirit which should be independent of and above the interests, passions and policies of both belligerents." In other words, he voiced at that early day a sentiment that has been widely proclaimed

ed by masses of Americans since the beginning of the present great struggle in Europe.

The effect of the song was as Hopkinson had anticipated. The American people realized that they had a nation of their own, which was by right the first consideration of their thoughts.

Joseph Hopkinson was only 28 years old when he wrote the famous national song. He was the son of Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In 1786, the year before the adoption of the Constitution, he was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania. He studied law, and began practice in Philadelphia when he was 21 years old.

Two years later he won a case that brought him national reputation. It was the suit of Dr. Benjamin Rush against William Cobbett for libel, which resulted in a verdict of \$5,000 for Hopkinson's client.

When Justice Samuel Chase, of the Supreme Court of the United States, was tried in the impeachment proceedings of the Senate for having exceeded his authority in ordering the arrest of the alleged leaders of a riot some years before, Joseph Hopkinson, who had defended those men before Chase, was chosen counsel by the justice. Chase was acquitted.

President John Quincy Adams appointed Hopkinson justice of the United States district court in Pennsylvania, an office which Hopkinson's grandfather had held under the British crown.

Hopkinson lived to the age of 72 years. He wrote many articles and addresses on legal, educational and ethical questions, but he will always be best remembered as the author of "Hail, Columbia."

RACE IS CLOSE FOR ALL PRICES IN BIG CONTEST

(Continued From Page One.)

HOW THEY STAND.

Abbottsburg, N. C.	Edna Cashwell	9,200
Acme, N. C.	Mattie Powell	6,350
	Ruby Scull	6,650
Aima, N. C.	Mrs. Robert Belch	28,400
	Annie McLean	32,350
Armour, N. C.	Mrs. B. L. Daniel	46,850
Atkinson, N. C.	Mabel Henry	5,090
	Sallie J. Kelly	39,770
	Mamie Woodcock	12,900
Autryville, N. C.	Rovelia Autry	6,310
	Fay Cashwell	5,350
	Violet Copper	5,780
Bladenboro, N. C.	Myra Hillburn	11,950
Boardman, N. C.	Mrs. Bettie Haynes	6,670
	Lucille Jolly	5,400
Bolton, N. C.	Maude Council	8,300
Burgaw, N. C.	Ophelia Carr	3,090
	Anna Delle Puteh	7,600
	Rachel Johnson	2,730
	Mrs. Lula Wallace	7,250
Burgaw, R. F. D. No. 3, N. C.	Mabel Bowen	9,200
	Effie Blanchard	2,320
Cerro Gordo	Agnes Griffin	5,620
	Pauline Hammond	6,750
	Virginia Smith	6,740
Chadbourne, N. C.	Kate Brown	3,200
	Albie Grant	4,950
	Mrs. Nina Nance	6,220
Clarkton, N. C.	Amanda Clark	3,870
	Lucey Williams	2,300
	Maude Ivey	45,780
Clinton, N. C.	Lucile Collins	2,360
	Rebecca Hines	2,100
	Lucille Kelly	5,200
	Lillie Lewis	2,070
	Gladys Newman	2,710
	Pauline Newsome	45,190
	Sarah Rogers	3,760
Conway, S. C.	Mazella Hedley	6,390
	Molly Jones	6,560
	Nettie Maude Mishoe	5,300
	Mazie Oliver	7,040
Council, N. C., R. F. D. 2	Berta E. Perry	2,400
Dublin, N. C.	Willette Hughes	4,260
	Alma McDaniel	5,100
Elizabethtown, N. C.	Agnes Cromartie	5,950
	Ruth Hester	8,090
Evergreen, N. C.	Mrs. J. W. Griffin	45,000
Fair Bluff, N. C.	Frankie Anderson	45,540
	Lillian Bartley	45,780
	Artyemae Cribbs	45,410
	Pauline Renfrow	46,080
Fairmont, N. C.	Bennie Baker	4,710
	Bonnie Granthum	4,200
	Rosalie Jenkins	2,460
	Vera Purvis	3,100
	Eva Thompson	1,950
Faison, N. C.	Mrs. Clarence Daniel	2,950
	Elizabeth Gibson	6,200
	Margaret Southerland	6,210
Freeman, N. C.	Ethel Grimley	46,110
	Minnie Hardy	46,020
Garland, N. C.	Bella Carter	6,000

FORECLOSURE SALE. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER. By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by William Russ, Jr., and wife, Charlotte Russ, dated December 2nd, 1915, and recorded in the records of New Hanover county in book 79, page 610, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door of New Hanover county on January 18th, 1917, the following piece of land, to-wit: a certain lot of land situated lying and being in the city of Wilmington, State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwestern corner of the intersection of Taylor street and Main street, thence southwardly along the south side of Taylor street seventy-five (75) feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Taylor street thirty (30) feet to the western line of the western line of McRee street, thence northwardly and parallel with Taylor street twenty-five (25) feet to the western line of McRee street, thence northwardly along the western line of McRee street thirty (30) feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot 1 in Block 328 according to the official plan of the city of Wilmington. Dated this 18th day of December, 1916, 12-11-30

Ellisabeth Cloud	4,050		
Rose Duer	2,600		
Catherine Russell	2,200		
Gladys Sherwood	5,070		
Grace Simpson	9,950		
Harrisboro, N. C.	Esther Miller	4,100	
	Maude Pierce	4,100	
	Bessie Frink	3,820	
Hanover, N. C.	Mrs. G. C. Bannerman	6,300	
	Margaret Corbett	6,310	
Jacksonville, N. C.	Evelyn Cole	2,100	
	Mary Emma Freeborn	10,050	
	Helen Klein	10,500	
	Mrs. R. C. Warlick	14,200	
	R. F. D., Jacksonville, N. C.	Rachel Scott	4,050
	Mettie Walton	5,230	
Kenansville, N. C.	Mrs. Wm. E. Powell	31,650	
Kenly, N. C.	Mrs. Emma Broughton	2,100	
	Inez Edgerton	3,070	
	Sadie Morris	2,910	
	Mrs. J. R. Sauls	4,010	
	Agnes Watson	2,120	
Laurel Hill, N. C.	Mary Snead	8,450	
Laurinburg, N. C.	Eugenia Fairley	4,500	
	Myrtle Willoughby	3,730	
Loris, S. C.	Dorothy Gladys Butler	8,250	
Lumberton, N. C.	Carrie Parham	4,350	
	Leta Smith	3,700	
	Iola Ivey	13,550	
Magnolia, N. C.	Maggie Carroll	6,790	
Marietta, N. C.	Mae Oliver	6,200	
Marion, S. C.	Ruth McEachern	8,550	
	Edith Snipes	8,370	
Maxton, S. C.	Jeddie Mae Bristow	5,500	
	Maude McRae	2,060	
	Ophelia Ormond	6,900	
	Katie Lee McKinnon	2,670	
Maysville, N. C.	Mrs. Ernest A. Taylor	46,120	
R. F. D., Maysville, N. C.	Sadie Morton	6,920	
	Lizzie Mills	1,960	
Mt. Olive, N. C.	Elizabeth McGee	5,500	
Mullins, S.	Belle Jennerette	36,660	
	Ruth E. Wolff	18,010	
New Bern, N. C.	Pauline Barrington	2,700	
New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. 3	Lillian Taylor	4,850	
Newberlin, N. C.	Mrs. R. C. Applewhite	5,400	
	Elizabeth Mettler	4,900	
Pembroke, N. C.	Mrs. Margaret Pennington	7,900	
	Pearl Sheppard	33,050	
R. F. D., Pembroke, N. C.	Inez Lewis	3,300	
	Stella McNeill	4,200	
	Ethel Brown	5,100	
Phoenix, N. C.	Annie Maye Butler	30,100	
Proctorville, N. C.	Blanche Surles	46,370	
Richlands	Lucy Cox	3,700	
Rockingham, N. C.	Lillian Biggs	8,500	
	Iola Cole	3,200	
	Maggie Hasty	3,770	
	Emma Porter	4,100	
Roseboro, N. C.	Crosby Fisher	8,950	
Rosehill, N. C.	Grace Fasell	4,270	
Rowland, N. C.	Bessie Broke	6,100	
	Bulla Williams	5,050	
Shalotte, N. C.	Irene Rourk	3,800	
	Rexie Tripp	8,220	
	Katie Russ	3,620	
Sneads Ferry, N. C.	Iva Lee Willis	4,000	
Southport, N. C.	Mamie Daniels	31,000	
	Janie James	33,070	
	Bessie Newton	33,660	
St. Pauls, N. C.	Christianna Guyton	5,010	
Supply, N. C.	Jessie Pigott	5,050	
	Rotha Sellers	4,210	
Swansboro, N. C.	Grace Bloodgood	5,060	
	Elizabeth Darden	4,770	
	Julia Piner	2,400	
	Olive Pittman	5,010	
	Retta Ward	4,550	
Tabor, N. C.	Velma Bell	3,070	
	Ada Graham	2,910	
	Retha Ward	2,150	
	Edna White	2,600	
Tar Heel, N. C.	Alice Campbell	2,010	
	Leila Grimes	5,250	
	Bula Smith	3,070	
	Hattie Monroe	3,410	
Teachey, N. C.	Beatrice McMillan	3,100	
	Wilma Wells	4,270	
	Mrs. A. E. Page	35,500	
Town Creek, N. C.	Lizzie F. Cannon	6,260	
	Beulah McKelthan	3,070	
	Gussie Skipper	46,030	
	Mrs. W. H. Walker	4,350	
Turkey, N. C.	Lena Hunter	7,100	
	Annie Lou Kelly	8,600	
Verona, N. C.	Bonnie Adams	3,950	
	Annell Sewell	5,275	
Warsaw, N. C.	Annie Lee Adkins	5,550	
	Evelyn Anderson	4,500	
	Martha Best	2,600	
	Julia Ricks	2,160	
	Mattie Owens	5,070	
	Sarah Hunter	2,700	
Watha, N. C.	Pansy Justice	7,990	
Wallace, N. C.	Gladys Johnson	36,550	

MAY ALL YOUR WRINKLES

—ON—  
Christmas Morning  
COME FROM HAPPY SMILES  
IS THE WISH  
—of—

Royal Grocery Co.

We cordially invite every man, woman and child in Wilmington to join our next Holiday Fund, which will open on December 27, 1916, and continue for fifty weeks, ending December 2, 1917.

The Holiday Fund just expiring has been a great success. One thousand people in Wilmington will have a merrier Christmas this year than ever before, because of the vast amount of money they have saved?

Don't forget to join the new Fund.

Home Savings Bank  
Wilmington, N. C.

There is Joy in Remembrance

We Wish All Our Friends a Merry Christmas

W. Munroe & Company

Maggie Cox	1,000	Beatrice Leslie	15,200
Hattie Powers	4,750	Marie Lockfaw	15,200
Mrs. L. F. Saunders	46,150	Mary Lorenzo	15,200
Rena Sykes	7,750	Mrs. Herbert McCartney	15,200
Whiteville, N. C.	Rosa Mathews	15,200	
	Annie McMillan	15,200	
	Edna Myers	15,200	
	Annabelle Nurnberger	15,200	
	Mrs. S. F. Page	15,200	
	Mrs. L. Parker	15,200	
	Mazie Paul	15,200	
	Bessie Pope	15,200	
	Mrs. J. A. Raynor	15,200	
	Catherine Roach	15,200	
	Mrs. Bessie M. Robins	15,200	
	Loree Rodgers	15,200	
	Trixie Rouse	15,200	
	Mrs. J. N. Sandlin	15,200	
	Anna Skipper	15,200	
	Callie Scott	15,200	
	Elizabeth Sloan	15,200	
	Wilkins Smith	15,200	
	Ruth Bolles Sebrell	15,200	
	Florence Taylor	15,200	
	Gladys Twining	15,200	
	Almeria Wolf	15,200	
	Mrs. Walter L. Woods	15,200	
	Mary Glenn Williamson	15,200	
	Edna P. Brown	15,200	
	Alma Padrick	15,200	
	Lillie Mae Carey	15,200	
	Beulah Elens	15,200	
	Kate Williams	15,200	
	Willard, N. C.	15,200	
	Callie Wells	15,200	