

REFUSES TO COME THIS WEEK

Work During Holiday Possible That No Match Will Be Staged

It may be obliged to go with this week because John... champion of the... used to work during the... Fritz Hanson was... this effect by Tommy... Drak was... white ago. Drak was... matched against Olin... and fans had signifi... willingness to pay double... admission to see the heavy... in action, but now... that Olin is observing... while he will gladly... adverse to breaking his... regardless of how badly... fans want him here... next.

It would arrange another... but the fellows who... to work here on Fri... unknown quantities and... it is adverse to bring... men here and palming... the unsuspecting public... an admission to the... and he wants every fan to... for money spent... the wrestled Preuss here... nights ago, because Ross... prior to their match and... letter than Hanson... about a farce Preuss' exhi... Mr. Hanson has no de... such matches and un... locate a wrestler whom... all wool and a yard wide... will be staged Friday night... a Greek who is very anxious... and has sent his picture... record. He looks awfully... says he has a record worth... but thus far he has not inform... locally where his private... and no one knows where... a buried woman he has met... the Preuss match Hanson... here but the other match... him a lesson and he is going... on all fellows who merely claim... are wrestlers.

Hanson has made a special effort to... Turner down, but when he be... talking about coming himself he... say anything. Turner has of... to send down a 180-pound Ital... who styles himself the "middle... champion of the world, but... arrangements have been made... to the coming of this little... The local wrestler is... a big effort to stage a match... night and if it is possible to... a man here with a record fans... their weekly allotment;... they will have to go with...

CROWDS BESIEGE EXPRESS OFFICE

Three Carloads of Whiskey Tied Up at Rocky Mount Delayed Deliveries

No German charge was ever made in closer formation than the crowds that have assailed the whiskey department of the Southern Express Company for the past several days and this morning showed no cessation of hostilities among the thirsty and disappointed ones. The color line was not drawn among the attackers and the white and colored men and in many instances colored women, rubbed elbows in the common cause. Nor did the clerks draw any distinction; they were all patrons with the same object in view and they were waited on in turn regardless of age, color or sex.

It is understood that the company had three carloads of wet goods tied up at Rocky Mount early last night, which meant that a host of tired and thirsty souls were late in getting their allotment, which, however small, satisfied. This liquor probably arrived in the city later in the night or this morning and the distribution began.

One can easily see the disadvantage the consumer was put to because of this tie-up for after standing in line for hours and finally gaining a place before the window and "the man" to be told that the package had not come was an experience that many "enjoyed." It merely meant the going back and beginning all over again and not a few experienced this more than once.

One gentleman who went to the office this morning to learn if a shipment of celerity he was expecting had arrived likened the spectacle to the gathering of fans around the gates of a major league ball park during the playing of a world's series. He stated that many who were far in the rear at 9 o'clock told him they had been there since the first gray streaking of the eastern sky in an effort to get their shipment and expected to arrive at the window by noon. Truly it is a spectacle that one will not soon forget.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED

Many Corporations Give Christmas Bonuses As Presents

Many firms and corporations in the city showed their appreciation for the past year's work of their employes by giving them bonuses ranging from one per cent of their entire 12 months' salary to five per cent and in some the gifts amounted to nearly a month's salary for the recipients. Perhaps no more appreciable Christmas presents were received in the city.

City Council met Saturday afternoon and decided to give to all city employes earning salaries less than \$90 per month a bonus of approximately one per cent of their year's salary. The members of the police force received \$10, the fire ladders \$8; and the members of the street department \$6.

All of the clerical force of the Murchison National bank received a bonus of five per cent of their total 12 months' salary. This to some of the employes amounted to handsome sums. All employes in the general office of Alexander Sprunt & Son here and those in the branch offices in the United States and abroad received handsome amounts.

Mr. C. J. Becker, local agent for the Clyde Steamship Company, has announced that all employes of the steamship company who have held their positions a year or more received ten per cent of their annual salary. The management of Woolworth Company announce that all employes received \$5 in gold for each year of service.

ANOTHER LIBERAL GIFT FOR THE POOR.

The Dispatch has received for the Empty Stocking Fund another liberal gift from one of Wilmington's citizens of five dollars. This handsome donation comes from one of the young progressive business men of the city, who wishes to be known in this connection as a "friend," which he is indeed to the poor of the city. Many hearts will be made joyous by the generous gifts for the Empty Stocking Fund this Christmas.

ARE PERFECTING MUSICAL CORPS

Benefit Performance At Victoria Theatre For Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps

Wilmington now has in the making a real live and up-to-date drum and bugle corps, which after it has reached the stage of perfection, will be an excellent asset to the city, particularly when the organization takes part in the local parades, which for the past few years have sadly wanted for the lack of music of the first order.

At present there are nearly a score of enthusiastic young men who journey to Overlake pavilion, at Greenfield Park, on certain nights and practice both indoors and out. The even dozen drummers, among whom are several who have had considerable experience with that instrument, are receiving their instructions from Mr. Bert Kite, the old Eastern Carolina League baseball star. The buglers are being taught by a young man who was a musician in Uncle Sam's army for several years and who knows the musical instrument from A to Z.

On Wednesday afternoon and night at the Victoria theatre a benefit performance will be given to raise a fund to purchase uniforms for the Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps, which name the organization will go under. On the occasion a five-reel movie of the Boston-Brooklyn World's series baseball game will be on the screen, besides another five-reel feature picture. There will be an afternoon performance and evening performance. All are invited to attend and lend the corps their aid.

One of the first trips planned by the corps is to attend the inauguration of President Wilson in Washington on March 5th.

INSPECT IMPORTED FOOD AND DRUGS

Washington, F. C., Dec. 23.—That increased vigilance on the part of officials in charge of the enforcement of the food and drugs act is required by conditions brought about by the European war to prevent shipment into the United States of adulterated and misbranded foods and drugs is shown by the report of the Chief of the bureau of chemistry, just published. While the volume of imported foods and drugs has decreased since the outbreak of the war, the variety of grades has increased. Likewise the number of shipments in proportion to the quantity is larger, for it is now necessary for importers to get from many sources the supplies which previously could be obtained from one place. One importer may bring in twenty small shipments all obtained in different places and of varying degrees of purity where previously he would have brought in the same quantity in one shipment of uniform quality. This makes it necessary for the inspectors to look out for and examine twenty shipments instead of one.

The high prices prevailing for certain products which can be obtained only from abroad, particularly spices and crude drugs, has increased the temptation to adulterate. According to the chief chemist's report shipments of coriander, fennel, celery, anise cumin Chinese and Italian mustard senna leaves cinchona, ipecac and other products were found to be adulterated and were denied entry into this country. Many shipments of medicines were found to be misbranded, the labels containing false or fraudulent claims as to the curative powers and such shipments were detained until the misbranding was corrected. Among other articles of food found to be in violation of the law may be mentioned decomposed tomato pastes and products, spoiled sardines, wormy olives olive oil pepper, macaroni and beverages. Special attention was given to milk imported from Canada into the New England States. There was a marked improvement in the wholesomeness of this milk during the year owing to the exclusion of shipments of contaminated milk produced under insanitary conditions.

Branch laboratories are maintained by the bureau of chemistry at the principal ports of entry, such as New York, Boston, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Francisco and many others, in order that analysis may be made of samples of such shipments of foods and drugs offered for entry into this country as are suspected of being adulterated or misbranded. The inspectors scrutinize all invoices of food and drug products that come to this country. The foreign shipper is required to certify to certain facts regarding his foods and drugs before a United States consular officer and these certificates are attached to the invoices. If the examination of the invoices and accompanying certificates leads the United States inspectors to suspect that the foods or drugs are adulterated or misbranded, samples are taken for analysis and the shipment held until it has been determined whether the goods are in violation of the law.

The import section of the food and drug act, in addition to the requirements applied to domestic products, provides that no foods or drugs shall be admitted to this country which are otherwise dangerous to the health of

POLICE REPORT LITTLE DISORDER

Local Department Has Most Quiet Christmas On Record—Few Drunks

Besides two negro shooting scrapes this morning, the police have had practically no disorder to contend with during the past three days, which seems to be the record for Christmas for as far back as any member of the police department can remember. Since Saturday morning, the day actually celebrated as Christmas eve, there has been only ten arrests made and of these only three were "pulled" for having too much booze aboard.

The only semblance of real disorder occurred this morning, one at 4 a. m. near Seventh and Church streets and shortly after 8 o'clock at Eleventh and Orange streets, when negroes, armed with shot guns, emptied loads of shot into several negroes standing nearby. In neither case were the police able to ascertain the cause of the shooting, other than there had been words between the holders of the gun and other negroes.

John Barnes, colored, was the only one to be much peppered in the fracas at Eleventh and Orange streets. He received a quantity of No. 6 shot in his face and went to the James Walker Memorial Hospital for repairs. When the police arrived on the scene Barnes refused to divulge the name of the negro doing the shooting, saying that he did not do it on purpose. Robert Cowan and Son Evans, colored, in a crowd of negroes at Seventh and Church streets, received a number of shot in the face and neck from a shot gun held by Happy Larkins. The police are looking for Larkins.

The police attribute much of the quietness to the fact that large quantities of liquor ordered from Baltimore and Jacksonville has not arrived in Wilmington owing to the railroad congestion. Several carloads of "Christmas" packages are due to arrive tomorrow or next day. This means that the celebration will be held between then and New Year's Day.

Of the ten persons arrested since Saturday morning one or two were taken into custody for violating the speed and traffic ordinance, while two or three will be arraigned before the Recorder tomorrow for firing pistols within the city limits. In each case where some one was arrested for disorderly conduct the prime cause was John Barleycorn.

the people of the United States or of a kind forbidden entry into or forbidden to be sold or restricted in sale in the country in which they are made or from which they are exported, or are otherwise falsely labeled in any respect. When goods offered for import are found to be in violation of the law, the importer is notified and given an opportunity to be heard before the officers of the department in order that he may present any evidence he desires as to why the goods should not be denied entry into the United States. After the hearing, if the department is still of the opinion that the goods are in violation of the law because of adulteration, they are refused entry into this country; or, if misbranded they are required to be labeled correctly before being admitted. All the work on imported foods and drugs is handled in cooperation with the customs officers of the Treasury Department.

Christmas Greetings

It is a commonplace that Christmas comes when you least expect it. The moral would seem to be that if the years are so fleeting, one can ill afford to miss the universal opportunity for sentiment which Christmas affords. We wish first of all to reiterate our appreciation of your patronage and to express the hope that we have deserved it. We wish also to extend to you the season's greetings, not in the perfunctory spirit of custom, as between a bank and its clients, but in the genuine spirit of cordiality which happily exists between The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company and its friends. We trust that the passing year has come fully up to your expectations and that the coming year may exceed them. And we wish you the happiest Christmas you ever had!

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

Mrs. W. G. Perkins and little daughter, Evelyn, have gone to Whiteville, N. C. to spend the holiday with friends and relatives.

THEATRE

THE "BIRTH OF A NATION"
"We will appeal to the Great Heart"
says Elsie Stoneman to Mrs. Cameron in D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," playing a limited return engagement at the Academy, tonight and tomorrow, matinee and night, and the mother's appeal to Abraham Lincoln for the life of her boy condemned by a military court to be shot is one of the most touching scenes of the entire drama.

No epithet could better express the kindly nature of Lincoln better than "the great heart," and no scene could better illustrate the workings of his soul than the one shown in "The Birth of a Nation."

In one of the colleges at Oxford, England, is hung the face-smile of a letter written by President Lincoln to a sorrowing mother, which Oxford regards as model of touching simplicity. Here is the letter, written from the Executive Mansion, November 21, 1864, and addressed to a Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass.

"Dear Madam:—I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine, which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Yours very sincerely and respectfully, A. Lincoln." The matinee prices run from 50 cents to \$1. The night prices range from 50 cents to \$1.50. Tickets are now selling at Elvington's Pharmacy.

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