

# WORK ON VESSELS PROGRESSING FAST

## Frames of Two Big Schooners Will be Completed in a Few Days at Ship Yard.

Work on the frame or "ribs" of one of the big four-masted auxiliary, deep-water schooners being built at the ship yard of the Wilmington Iron Works, on Eagles Island, will be completed this week, Capt. Edw. P. Bailey, president of the concern, stated this morning. The frames of the twin vessel will all be in place shortly afterwards. From the completed frames can be gained an idea of the enormity of the two schooners being constructed for the American merchant marine.

Ship carpenters are now busy fitting the stern post and stem to vessel No. 1, which was started in advance of the ship which is nearing the same stage of completion alongside on the launch ways. It is expected that work on the hull of the schooner No. 1, which means that from stem to stern the interior of the vessel will be filled with heavy timbers, varying in size from six to ten inches, will be started early next week. This is where a sailing vessel gets its great strength.

After the vessels have been caulked inside, work of putting on the outside planking or "skin" will be begun. After this is completed the long and tedious task of caulking begins. While seams are being made tight the finishing touches will be put on the vessels, such as the installation of the big 700-horse power Bolinda motor engines which are to be installed in each of the schooners, the cabin work in the officer's cabins, the construction of the galley and fore-castle for the crew.

It is estimated by the builders that the first of the sailing vessel will be launched in the early spring. The second ship should glide into the waters of the Cape Fear river a short while afterwards as there is no great difference in the progress of the construction of Schooner Nos. 1 and 2 as they are at present designated.

When these vessels are completed it is very probably that two more will be started immediately as there is a great demand for vessels of this class at present and the contract for the construction of the present two schooners was accepted by the local concern with the understanding that if they so choose two more would be built here at the completion of the first.

### TRANSFERRED HERE.

Lieut. J. J. Hutson Ordered to Cut for Seminoles January 1.

Many friends here will be pleased to learn that Lieut. J. J. Hutson, who on January 1, he transferred from the cutter Bear, at San Francisco, to the cutter Seminole at this port. Lieut. Hutson and Mrs. Hutson are well known in Wilmington, the officer having been stationed here several years ago.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hutson have been spending the Christmas holidays in the city with Mrs. Hutson's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Washington Callitt. They are now in Aiken, S. C., spending the remainder of the officer's furlough.

### TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS NEXT WEEK.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Chairman Newlands, of the Senate interstate commerce committee, today announced it would hold public hearings on January 5th on the Webb bill permitting American concerns to establish joint foreign selling agents and on January 2 on the railway legislation suggested by President Wilson to supplement the Adamson law.

### Sociologists in Session.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Men and women from all parts of the United States who take an active part in the consideration of economic and sociological questions, gathered here today for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Organized for the discussion of such subjects. These organizations are the American Economic Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Statistical Association and the American Association for Labor Legislation. Both the economic and sociological sessions will be devoted largely to the consideration of problems arising from the European war and its after-effects upon this country.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—From every direction in Oregon, every train and on interurban cars throngs of teachers arrived in Portland today to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Teachers' Association. For the first time the eastern and western division of the association have joined in one convention and as a result all previous attendance records have been broken. Today was devoted to the deliberations of the administrative council. Tomorrow morning will be devoted to a general assembly of all the teachers. Beginning Thursday afternoon and continuing through Friday the numerous departments of the association will hold their meetings.

Rev. O. A. Keller will preach tonight at the Winter Park Baptist church. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

# TRAINS ARRIVING BEHIND SCHEDULE

## Tabulation Shows Less Than Half of Incoming Trains Maintained Schedule.

In connection with the present campaign that is being waged by the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and individuals in the city for better train service in and out of Wilmington on both the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railroads, it will be of interest to know that a compilation of the 278 daily trains that arrived in the city from October 27 to November 27—thirty-two days with nine trains arriving daily—only 122, or 43.8 per cent., were on time. The remaining 156, or 56.2 per cent., which were late, arrived here from a few minutes to several hours behind the schedule time.

This compilation was made by Mr. J. G. McCormick, of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who is making a strong effort for improved passenger service here.

Only 16 of scheduled 69 arrivals of the two Seaboard passenger trains were on time during the period of a little more than one month. S. A. L. train No. 19, from Rutherfordton and Charlotte, due to arrive here at 12:40 p. m., holds the record for being late during the time tabulated. Only seven times during the dates did this train arrive on the schedule. Train No. 20, also from Charlotte and Rutherfordton, due to arrive here at 12:10 a. m., was a close second to No. 19, being on time only nine days out of the possible thirty-two. These two trains were from 30 minutes to three hours late.

Of the 214 trains arriving on the Atlantic Coast Line from November 27 to October 27, 102 were late. This tabulation, however, does not include the two tri-weekly trains. One on the New Bern Division and one on the Wilmington and Fayetteville branch. Train No. 63, on the New Bern branch holds the record for arrivals on time. Out of the possible 27 days this train arrived on the schedule on 23. This train does not run on Sunday. Next in order was train No. 50 due to arrive here from Columbia at 12:20 a. m. This train was late only 12 times out of 32 days. Train No. 52, from Fayetteville, due to arrive here at 8 p. m. was late just half of the time.

Train No. 41 due to arrive here from Rocky Mount at 9:50 o'clock daily, maintained a fairly good schedule for the entire period. Although it was late nineteen times, the average number of minutes off the schedule was only about ten. Train No. 49, due to arrive here each evening at 6:05, from Norfolk, which has probably the hardest schedule to make was late eighteen times. Train No. 10, also from Norfolk, due to arrive in the city at 1:15 a. m., arrived here only ten times on time. This train was from 20 to 40 minutes late on the 22 nights that it was behind the schedule.

Due considerably to heavy travel train No. 54 from Columbia and Florence, and due to arrive at 12:50 p. m., succeeded in arriving on time only ten times during the 32 days computed. Though hardly ever more than an hour behind the schedule the train was usually from 25 to 40 minutes off the schedule.

### MARKET FLOODED.

Local Dealers Says No Peanuts Will Be Bought At Present.

On account of the flooding of the local market with peanuts just prior to Christmas, Wilmington dealers claim that there is no market for the products at present. However, they expect that next week will again see the market in such condition that it will permit of the buying and selling of peanuts.

### REWARD OFFERED.

Judge Sam Will Pay For Return of Wilmington Boy.

The police have received a notification of a reward for the apprehension and delivery of Emil C. Kranke, son of Mr. F. H. Kranke, of Leland, formerly of this city, who is charged with "straggling" from the U. S. S. Hartford at Charleston, S. C. Young Kranke is a first class fireman and enlisted in the service in Baltimore, Md., in February 1914. A reward of \$25 is offered for his apprehension.

### SHOT AT WOMAN.

Would Not Swear Out Warrant For Man Who Tried to Shoot Her.

Capt. C. W. Woolard, on duty at the police station last night received a report of an attempt to shoot Mary Wright, living in Schutte's alley, by George James, colored, last night. The bullet narrowly missed the woman. The police went to the scene and endeavored to get her to swear out a warrant against James, who had fled, but she refused to do so. It is not known how the argument started which resulted in the shooting.

Convention of Commercial Teachers, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Educators from all parts of the country interested in instruction in practical business methods are attending the twentieth Commercial Teachers' Federation, which met in this city today for a three-day session. Dr. Glen Levin, chief of the commercial department of the United States Bureau of Education, heads the list of speakers.

# THINK HIGHLY OF TRAINING CORPS

## Members of A. & M. Alumni Association Think Reserve Officers' Scheme Fine

Members of the New Hanover A. & M. Alumni Association and the parents of the Wilmington boys who are students at A. & M. College, Raleigh, are much interested in a circular recently mailed out by President W. C. Riddick, which outlines what the government will expect of a student at the college who enters the Reserve Officers' Training Corps to be inaugurated at the college next September.

According to the letter, the students will be required, as heretofore, to drill three hours each week during the freshman and sophomore years, but as members of the Training Corps, students will receive from the government, free of cost, all necessary uniforms.

Under the present plan at the college at the beginning of the junior year, each student elects whether or not he will take further military instruction. If he does not wish to continue this course, then he is not required to drill any more during his stay in college. If he does decide to continue the military work and join the Officers' Training Corps, he will take three hours of drill each week, besides two hours given over to the study of military science and will receive all necessary uniforms from the United States government and about eighty dollars in money during the academic year.

The student who joins the corps may also be required to attend two summer camps of four weeks each at which all expenses will be paid by the government. After the student has completed the course at college he is under no more military obligations than any other citizen.

Members of the local alumni association think highly of the plan, as they believe that it will not only fit out A. & M. students for commissions in the regular army, but the money they receive while in the corps at college will in a large measure aid the student in defraying part of the expense of his education.

The Wilmington boys, most of whom are now at home spending the holidays, also think highly of the plan, and it is thought that the majority of them will enlist to be officers in Uncle Sam's Reserve Corps. The local boys at A. & M. are: Messrs A. L. Humphrey, G. G. Avant, Z. E. Murrell, F. F. Montgomery, G. W. Trenchen, W. C. Murrell, G. H. Hutaff, Jr., J. H. W. Bonitz, J. G. Hicks and Charles Butler.

# CAR SHORTAGE BEING PROBED

## Railroads Have to Make Answer Today to Prevent New Order.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Representatives of railroads throughout the country today appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission to show cause why the commission should not take into its own hands the car shortage situation and issue a drastic order to relieve the congestion.

The order, which the commission apparently is prepared to issue, unless the railroads show cause why it should not, would require the roads to return to connecting lines all foreign cars on their own tracks after unloading. Heretofore the railroads have endeavored to cope with the situation by requiring the roads in the east, where the congestion is the greatest, to return to connection lines monthly, a larger number of foreign cars than received.

This requirement is said to have been largely disregarded by certain eastern roads. While congestion in traffic is somewhat less at present than recently improvement in the condition apparently has not been as rapid as the commission expected.

One phase of today's hearing was the claim advanced by certain railroad interests that the commission apparently is without authority to issue such an order as is cited in today's summons.

### WEDDINGS MARKED THE DAY IN MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Rev. R. F. Munns performed two marriage ceremonies yesterday. In the morning he married Miss Lula Register and Mr. M. C. Carter, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Register, about two miles from town, and yesterday evening he married Miss Sadie Blanton and Mr. Bruce Heath, at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Blanton is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Blanton, a prosperous farmer living about two miles from here. Mr. Heath holds a position in High Point, N. C.

Each express train coming from the North keeps bringing a few quarts of delayed Christmas booze and the crowds are still meeting the trains; to see if their packages come and after the trains have passed you can

# LEGISLATION TO BE DISCUSSED

## City Fathers Will Confer Tonight With Regard to Any Legislation Needed.

It is expected that there will be many citizens present at the conference of City Council, at the City Hall, tonight at 8 o'clock when the City Fathers will gather to discuss what legislation will be desired for Wilmington to be presented to the General Assembly by Senator L. Layton Grant, who leaves for Raleigh early in January.

City Attorney Robert Ruark stated at the regular weekly meeting of City Council yesterday that no bills effecting local taxation would be considered, but he did not state what other proposed bills would probably be discussed at the conference tonight.

However, it is thought that only measures that will effect the machinery of the city government will be considered with a view of asking for legislation that will tend to remedy any defects. The conference is to be informed and the general public will be admitted to hear the discussion.

# THEY STILL HAVE HEADS TOGETHER

## Railroad Conference Trying to Reach An Agreement Today.

New York, Dec. 28.—The National conference of the committee of railroad managers and representatives of the four brotherhoods of railroad employees resumed here today consideration relative to application of the Adamson law in the event it is held constitutional by the United States supreme court.

The agreement reached between Attorney General Gregory and the railroads' attorneys suspends the effectiveness of the Adamson law pending the outcome of the test suit. Therefore on January 1st the employees will continue to work without any immediate benefits from the law, which was to have gone into operation on that day.

A possible outcome of today's conference may be the appointment of a joint board to determine the operation of the law, if its constitutionality is established.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. MONROE.

Interment Will Be Made After Husband Arrives From Border.

The funeral of Mrs. W. P. Monroe, who died suddenly Tuesday night of heart failure, will probably be held Sunday when her husband, Lieut. W. P. Monroe arrives from Camp Stuart, El Paso, Texas, where he is with the Second Regiment National Guard of North Carolina. According to a telegram Lieutenant Monroe will probably arrive in the city Sunday.

### To Define Proselyting.

New York, Dec. 28.—Many important subjects will come up for discussion at the eleventh annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to be held at the Hotel Astor tomorrow. Not the least interesting promises to be the discussion on proselyting, which will take up the evening session. The organization is opposed to proselyting according to its by-laws, but according to an announcement recently issued by the association, the application of the term is not clearly enough defined.

What are articles of war, father? Oh, it's some sort of document, I suppose, like a marriage license, for instance—Exchange.

Reggy told me my eyes were like stars.

His sister said something similar. Really?

She said you were moon-faced.—Exchange.

hear them asking one another if "theirs came."

## 'Not A Beverage'

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**ALL DEPOSITS MADE WITH US ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2nd will bear interest from January 1st. NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN.**

## The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street.

C. E. Taylor, President.	J. L. Williams, Cashier.
H. Walters, Vice-President.	W. Hull Moore, Ass's Cashier.
J. W. Norwood, Vice-President.	J. G. Thornton, Teller.

## ONE STORY COMPLETE

### Beauty of Custom House Can be Had From North Wing.

An excellent idea of what Wilmington's magnificent half-million dollar Customs House will look like when completed can be had from the North wing, one-story of which is already completed at Water and Princess streets. Masons are at work on the Water street side of this wing and it is expected this part of the handsome building will be complete much in advance of the South wing, the foundations of which have not yet been driven on account of parts of the pile-driver being out of commission.

Both the steel and stone work of the part of the structure on Princess street is complete to the second floor. A small idea of the beauty of the whole building, when completed, can be had from this. Great care is being taken by the contractors that none of the completed parts may become damaged in any way. Exposed edges of the stone is boxed. The progress of the construction on the building which is the most costly in the city, is being watched with much interest.

### NEGRO RELEASED.

#### Man Thought to be Accomplice of Solomon Smith Let Go

Henry Baldwin, colored, who was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods and who was thought to be an accomplice of Solomon, who was yesterday committed to jail without bond on a charge of burglary and housebreaking, was this morning granted not pros by Judge Harries in the Recorder's court. The police had reasons to believe that Baldwin had disposed of articles thought to have been stolen by Smith.

Hannah Nelson, colored, charged with trespass, was ordered to pay the costs of the case. Joe Walker, colored, charged with abandonment, is being held for trial tomorrow.

#### One Deed—Only one deed was filed for record in the office of the register of deeds this morning. It is as follows: Preston Allen to N. F. Warren, interest in a tract of land in Cape Fear township which was formerly owned by Frank Solomon. The consideration was \$490.

"Like produces like."  
"Oh, I don't know. I've seen cold cash produce some hot times."

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## The Sport Champions of 1916

Archery—Dr. R.P. Elber, of Wayne, Pa.; Miss Cynthia M. Wesson, of Cotuit, Mass.	Harness—Champion pacer—Napoleon Direct 1:59 1/4.
Automobile—Champion speedway driver, Dario Rosta.	Horses—Winning driver, Thomas W. Murphy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Baseball—World's champions, Boston Americans. N. L. champions, Brooklyn; A. L. champions, Boston N. L. champion batsman, Hall Chase of Cincinnati. A. L. champion batsman, Tris Speaker of Cleveland. N. L. leading pitcher, Grover C. Alexander of Philadelphia. A. L. leading pitcher, "Babe" Ruth of Boston.	Polo—Senior champions, Great Neck, Long Island. Junior champions, Meadowbrook III, Long Island.
Billiards—Balkline (professional) William Hoppe of New York. Three-cushion (professional) George Moore of New York. Pocket billiards (professional) Frank Taberski of Schenectady. Balkline (amateur) Edward V. Gardner of Montclair, N. J. Pocket billiards (amateur) J. Howard Shoemaker of New York.	Racquets—National amateur, Stanley G. Mortimer, Tuxedo, N. Y. National amateur doubles, L. Waterbury and J. C. Waterbury, New York. World's professional, Jock Soutar, New York.
Boxing—Heavyweight, Jess Willard Featherweight, Johnny Kilbane, Middleweight, in dispute, Bantamweight, in dispute, Welterweight, Jack Britton, Flyweight, Jimmy Wilde, Lightweight, Freddie Welsh.	Rowing—Poughkeepsie regatta, Syracuse. New London regatta, Harvard. National champions, Duluth Boat club. Champion single sculler, T. J. Rooney, Ravenswood B. C., Long Island.
Court Tennis—National amateur, Jay Gould of New York. American professional, Walter A. Kinsella of New York. World's open champion, Jay Gould (retired).	Soccer—Intercollegiate, University of Pennsylvania. National and American challenge cups, Bethlehem.
Cross-Country—Intercollegiate team champions, Cornell.	Speed—National outdoor champion, Harry Cody, Toronto.
Running—Intercollegiate individual champion, John W. Overton, Yale. National senior A. A. U., Villiar Kyronen, New York. National Junior A. A. U., James Henigan, Boston.	Skating—National indoor champion, Anton O'Sickey, Cleveland.
Cycling—National amateur, John Staehle, Newark, N. J. National professional, Frank L. Kramer, Orange, N. J.	Squash Tennis—National amateur, Eric S. Winston of New York. World's professional, Walter A. Kinsella, of New York.
Football—Leading Eastern team, University of Pittsburgh. Western Conference champion, Ohio State University. Leading Southern teams, Georgia Tech and University of Tennessee. Leading Pacific coast teams, Universities of Oregon and Washington.	Tennis—National singles, Richard N. Williams of Philadelphia. National doubles, C. J. Griffin and W. M. Johnston of San Francisco. National mixed doubles, W. E. Davis of California and Miss Eleanor Sears of Boston. National clay court singles, W. E. Davis of California. National clay court doubles, Dean Matheny and G. M. Church of New Jersey. National women's singles, Miss MoMa Bjurstedt of Norway. National women's doubles, Miss Molla Bjurstedt of Norway and Miss Eleanor Sears of Boston. National indoor singles, Robert L. Murray, Niagara Falls, N. Y. National indoor doubles, William Rosenbaum and A. E. Lovinbond, New York.
Trap Shooting—Grand American Handicap, John F. Wolf, Milwaukee. World's professional champion, Phillip Miller, Dallas. Intercollegiate team champion, Yale.	Colored Man Dead—John Wesley Custon, a respected colored man who lived at No. 510 North Seventh street, died yesterday morning. Custon conducted a barber shop on North Fourth street for more than 30 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Stephen's Methodist church.

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## Clearance Sale Continues All The Week

We have a few Suits and Coats left which we are closing out at very special prices.

### Suits at One Half Off of Marked Price

Coats that sold at \$30 and \$25, special for . . . . .	\$24.50
Coats that sold at \$25.00 and \$27.50, special for . . . . .	\$18.50
Coats sold at \$37.50, \$40.00 and \$45.00, special for . . . . .	\$29.50

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### Christmas Articles at Very Low Prices

We have a few of the Xmas Novelties left over, which will make most welcome New Year's Gifts.

All Xmas Items Special at One-Third Off.  
(See Special Tablets.)

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### Dresses at Reduced Prices for Clearance

\$15.00 Dresses to close out at . . . . .	\$8.75
\$25.00 Dresses to close out at . . . . .	\$18.75
Beautiful \$4.00 Waists, to close out at . . . . .	\$2.48