

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Fair tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate northwest winds.

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## WOOD IS ATTACKED FOR INFORMATION GIVEN BY CURTIS

### Rep. Harrison Wants to Know Why He Did Not Fully Identify Broker.

Rep. Harrison wants to know why he did not fully identify Curtis as the author of the "leak" hearing. Curtis is being attacked for information given by Curtis.

## TOM LAWSON SAID TO HAVE MADE "CLEAN-UP"

Mr. Wood is recalled to stand at beginning of hearing today and asked to explain charges made.

## DANIELS TO BE THE POSTMASTER

Hot contest in Southport decided today and causes a big stir.

## PANAMA WILL HELP SUGAR PLANTATIONS

Panama, Jan. 6.—The Assembly of Panama has passed a bill authorizing the government to spend \$500,000 in loans to sugar plantation operators or in guaranteeing payment of loans and interest on them contracted outside.

## PUBLIC GARDENS HELP OUT FOOD SITUATION

London, Jan. 6.—The scarcity of foodstuffs has led the Board of Agriculture to empower local authorities to use vacant building land for food crops.

## SIR BOREN, ERSTWHILE DEFENSE CAPTAIN, DIES.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—Sir Frederick Boren, who was Minister of Militia and Defense in Laurier for the administration from its formation in 1896, until its defeat at the general election of 1901, is dead, according to a dispatch from Canning, N. S.

## COURT HOUSE SITE CAUSED BIG ROW

Legislature Hears Washington County Delegations—Pender Fence Tax Law

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Washington county's delegations, fighting vehemently against moving the county court house from Plymouth to Roper, furnished the biggest feature of the morning sessions of the legislature.

## DANIELS TO BE THE POSTMASTER

Southport, N. C., Jan. 6.—Word comes that D. O. Daniels, cashier of the Bank of Southport, has been recommended for the postmastership, succeeding Postmaster Newton, who recently resigned. This means that he will be appointed by the President, following recommendation of Representative Godwin, concurred in by Senator Simmons.

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## INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL SEASON.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6.—The six basketball teams scheduled to open the season of the Western Intercollegiate League line up tonight for the initial games of what promises to be the most successful year since the introduction of the popular indoor sport among the "Big Nine" conference members.

## REPRESENTATIVE GRANT HERE.

Representative L. Clayton Grant arrived in Wilmington from Raleigh today, to spend Sunday.

# THE PROPOSED NEW CHARTER FOR CITY

### Draft of Bill That New Hanover's Legislators May Be Asked To Have General Assembly Pass.

## PROVIDES A TYPE OF THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVT.

### Appointment of Commissioners for First Two Years Indicated—Ward Lines Abolished and Other Features of Pure Commission Form. Mass Meeting Tonight to Discuss the Vital Issue.

The Dispatch prints this afternoon a copy of the charter that has been prepared and which is presumed will be discussed at tonight's mass meeting that is to be held at the Court House. The charter, a copy of which follows, will probably be submitted for discussion and those present given the privilege of passing on its merits. Tonight's meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

That the corporate limits of the said City shall be from and after the passage of this act as follows: Beginning on the eastern bank of the northeast bank of the Cape Fear river at the southern edge of Smith's Creek where Smith's Creek enters the northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, runs thence up Smith's creek along the northern edge of the same to the point where Green's Mill creek enters into Smith creek; thence directly along the western edge of Green's Mill creek to the point where the present City limits intersect the same; thence southwardly along the eastern line of Seventeenth street as the same is shown on the present official map or plan of the City of Wilmington to where said line again intersects the southwestern edge of Green's mill creek; thence up a point at mouth of Mineral Spring Branch empties into Green's Mill creek; thence up the thread of said branch to where the same runs under the embankment or bridge on the "Wilmington-Wrightsville turnpike" road, formerly known as the "old shell road," thence in a southwardly direction in a direct line to the southeastern intersection of the rights of way of the old "Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company" now the Tidewater Power Company's right of way, and the old "Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk Railroad Company's" right of way, and now the right of way of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, said point being the southeastern intersection of the right of way of the Tidewater Power Company's line leading to Wrightsville Beach and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's right of way near the point where the Tidewater Power Company's track crosses the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's track above the same by embankment and trestle near what is known as Delgado; thence southwardly along the southern line of said right of way of the said Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to the eastern line of Seventeenth street as laid down upon the present official map or plan of the City of Wilmington, which said right of way intersects said Seventeenth street near Meares street; thence southwardly along the eastern line of Seventh street, as laid down upon the present official map or plan of the City of Wilmington, as southern line of Greenfield street, as laid down upon the present official map or plan of the City of Wilmington; thence the same course continued to the northern edge of a stream known as Jumping Run branch of the run of said northern edge of the run of said Jumping Run branch with its various meanders to where said Jumping Run branch empties into Greenfield Lake or Mill Pond, thence along the northern edge of Greenfield Lake or Mill Pond to the eastern edge of the dam thereof; thence southwardly along the eastern edge of the bridge over said dam to the center of the Mill race; thence westwardly to the center of the said mill race just west of the mill house; thence down said mill race to where the said mill race reaches the eastern edge of the bridge over said

race on the Federal Point road; thence westwardly in a line parallel with the southern line of Greenfield street, three thousand, nine hundred (3,900) feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Front street, eleven thousand, six hundred and forty three (11,643) feet to a point where the northern line of Brunswick street would intersect westwardly across the river and on to Eagle Island for a sufficient distance to intersect said land mentioned in the act heretofore passed and in a line which when run on the same course as the northern line of Brunswick street runs, as laid down upon the present official map or plan of the City of Wilmington to the western edge of the Cape Fear river; thence along the western edge of the Cape Fear river to a point directly opposite the northern bank of Smith's Creek at its mouth, the beginning point; thence directly across the river in a line running at right angles to the beginning point on the eastern bank of the northeast branch of the Cape Fear river at the mouth of Smith's Creek.

Sec. 2. That all ward or division lines now existing in the city of Wilmington be abolished.

Sec. 3. That all property, real, personal and mixed of whatsoever character or description, and wheresoever situated, now held, controlled or used by the City of Wilmington for any purpose, or which may hereafter be held, controlled or used by said city, or which may have been vested in said city by virtue of any law of the State of North Carolina, and any and all judgments, liens, rights of liens, and causes of action of any kind in favor of said city of Wilmington, shall vest in and remain and inure to the said city of Wilmington, its successors and assigns under this act.

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Sec. 5. That the corporate powers of the city of Wilmington shall be exercised as hereinafter provided by the board of commissioners and such other officers and agents as are hereinafter provided for, subject to such limitations as may be hereinafter imposed.

Sec. 6. That the executive and administrative powers, authority and duties, in the city of Wilmington are distributed into and among the several departments, and the powers and duties to be performed are assigned to the appropriate departments and officers, all as herein set forth.

Sec. 7. The board of commissioners shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be mayor, and all of whom shall be elected by vote of the people, as hereinafter provided. One of said commissioners shall be elected and known as the Commissioner of Public Accounts and Finance, one of said commissioners shall be elected and known as the Commissioner of Water Department and Sewerage Department, and the mayor shall be known as the Commissioner of Public Safety, Streets and Wharves and Purchasing agent.

Sec. 8. The mayor shall be chief executive officer of the city of Wilmington, and shall perform all duties pertaining to such office. He shall do and perform all the duties provided or prescribed by law, or by the ordinance of the city of Wilmington not expressly delegated to any other person. He shall have general supervision and oversight over the departments and office of the city government, and shall be the chief representative of the city, and shall report to the board any failures on the part of any of the officers of

## BRAILA'S CAPTURE SERIOUS FOR RUSS

Morning Papers in London Discuss Probable Fall of Town.

London, Jan. 6.—The capture of Braila by Field Marshal von Mackensen is discussed by the morning papers in reference to the probable effect on the Russian defense along the line of the Sereth.

## MUCH DAMAGE BY KENTUCKY FLOOD

Overflowing Streams Cause Thousands of Dollars Damage to Property.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6.—Thousands of dollars damage is already reported from floods caused by Kentucky streams. In the southeastern section of the state railway traffic has been practically suspended.

## MILITARY POSITION IN MACEDONIA, GREEK KEY

London, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Times from Piraeus under date of December 31 says that the real key to the situation in Greece is the military position in Macedonia.

## ENTENTE REPLY GIVEN THE CENTRAL POWERS.

London, Jan. 6.—The entente reply to the German peace terms was presented to Germany today by the American ambassador, according to a dispatch received from Berlin.

## ENTENTE HOLDING WAR COUNCIL ON BRAILA SITUATION

Break in Line Would Imperil Moldavia; Piercing Move Would Endanger Line.

## RUMANIAN CAMPAIGN TAKES ON NEW HUE.

French, British and Italian Premiers Are Talking the Situation Over Today in Rome.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Possible capture of Braila by Field Marshal von Mackensen in his advance on Galacia, north of the Danube and further Tonic successes in Moldavia has brought the Rumanian campaign to a new phase. The bridgehead, while not its integral part of the Sereth line, now held by the Russians running northwest from the Danube towards the Moldavia frontier forms an outlying line. Its capture would weaken the eastern point. Galacia lies just on the outside of Braila.

Not only here is the Sereth line threatened, but the line northwest beyond the Beuzee river is not holding well against the Teutonic pressure. A break in this line on the Southern front would imperil the Moldavia frontier position, and if the Germans pierced the line the whole line running southwest of the Danube would be endangered.

French, British and Italian premiers with war department officials in general entente ministries are holding a war council in Rome.

## 30 PER CENT RISE IN JAPANESE NECESSITIES.

Tokio, Jan. 6.—Investigators estimate that there is a rise of 30 per cent, over last year in the price of necessities in Japan and the tendency is toward a still higher level. Sugar has increased 20-30 per cent, salmon 50-100 per cent, wheat 20 per cent, beans 30-40 per cent, grain 10-20 per cent, canned goods 10-20 per cent, and fuel 20 per cent. The cost of cloth, apparel and oils has also increased.

## CHIEF OF BELGIAN STAFF DIED TODAY.

Havre, France, Jan. 6.—General Maximilian Wielemans, chief of the Belgian general staff, is dead as the result of pneumonia contracted in the trenches.

# STRONG RIVALRY AMONG ALL TOWNS REPRESENTED

Each Town Determined That One of Grand Prizes offered by The Dispatch Will be Awarded Their Candidate.

- | TODAY'S LEADERS.       |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Mrs. Earnest A. Taylor | 69,680 |
| Mrs. Virginia Cockrell | 69,630 |
| Mrs. James E. Holton   | 69,440 |
| Artemae Cribbs         | 68,930 |
| Mrs. J. W. Griffin     | 68,740 |
| Gussie Skipper         | 68,420 |
| Pauline Newsome        | 67,635 |
| Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins | 67,520 |
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- | THE PRIZES.                   |  |
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| \$685 Overland Automobile.    |  |
| Ford Automobile.              |  |
| Carolina Beech Lot.           |  |
| \$100 in Gold.                |  |
| \$75 Victrola.                |  |
| \$50 O. K. Mystic Range.      |  |
| \$70 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. |  |
| \$25 Wrist Watch.             |  |
| Two \$60 Diamond Rings.       |  |

leaders, this time going to second place. Miss Cockrell was in fourth place several days ago. Mrs. Cockrell is closely followed by Mrs. James E. Holton, Wilmington; Artemae Cribbs, Fair Bluff; Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Evergreen; Gussie Skipper, Town Creek; Pauline Newsome, Clinton; and Mrs. Bessie M. Robbins, Wilmington. All of these candidates occupied places among the leaders before, and have regained the coveted positions.

The rivalry is becoming especially strong in the different towns where there are candidates and each place is determined that their representative is going to win one of the big prizes. Maysville says that one of the automobiles is going to go there, while Clinton, Proctorville, Fair Bluff, Southport and half a dozen other places are equally as emphatic in their assertions. Oh, well—three weeks from next Monday night the momentous question will be settled definitely and for all time to come.

The second period of the contest, which began last Monday, will close one week from tonight, on January 13, and after that date there will be a reduction of 10,000 votes on each \$15 worth of subscriptions. Quite a number of the candidates are making strenuous efforts during this period to capture the \$60 Diamond Ring, which is offered as a special prize for NEW business. They all realize that the subscriptions turned in toward the ring will all receive votes toward the automobiles and other prizes and the money will also help build a \$15 "Club" and get the accompanying ballot for 140,000 extra votes.

Little Virginia Cockrell, of Winter Park, regains a place among the

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