

Society

Miss Grace Long, of Winnabow, spent Saturday in the city with friends.

Miss Lillian Crumpler, of Raleigh, is spending a period in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ellis.

Miss Minnie Hardy, who has been spending several days here, returned to her home in Freeman last night.

Miss Susie Walker, of Rocky Point, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home yesterday.

Miss Hazel Davis, of Lumberton, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Lois Toomer has returned from Raleigh, where she visited Mrs. Claude Barbee for a few days.

Miss Myrtle Thomas, of Raleigh, who has been visiting friends in the city, left Saturday evening for Rocky Point, where she will visit.

Mrs. C. H. Hudson, of Fayetteville, returned to her home Saturday, after a pleasant stay here as the guest of Mrs. C. L. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunter have returned to their homes in Petersburg after a pleasant stay with friends here and in Brunswick county.

Mrs. Harry G. Latimer, Jr., and son, Master Harry G., Jr., of Auburn, New York, are guests at the home of Mrs. George N. Harris.

Mrs. L. P. Phaff left for Washington, D. C., last night after spending two weeks with her son, Mr. L. T. Phaff, at 309 North Fifth street.

Miss Geneva Henderson, of Asheville, who has been visiting friends and relatives here, left yesterday for New Bern, where she will spend a period with friends.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. A. O. Osborne, No. 414 Dock street. All members of the organization are urged to attend.

Miss Josephine Nunn, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Peace, of Tarboro, left Saturday for Norfolk, where they will spend a period with friends. Miss Nunn, who lives at Chapel Hill, had been visiting here for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Phaff entertained a number of their friends last Tuesday night at their home with a Dutch Supper in honor of their mother, Mrs. L. P. Phaff, of Washington. There were a number of friends present and every one had a most enjoyable evening.

IN HONOR OF NEW PASTOR.
At the Boys' Brigade Armory Monday evening the Men's Social Service Club of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church will entertain in honor of their new pastor, Rev. W. R. McCracken, Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, will deliver the welcoming address. A musical program has been arranged which contains a number of features. Mr. Howard Branch will recite and Miss Carrie Bowen and Mr. J. B. Fenley will render several vocal selections. Refreshments will be served. All of the members of the Fifth Avenue church are cordially invited.

FORTIFY YOUR HOSPITAL.
The following which was handed in to The Dispatch for publication is not out of place and speaks eloquently for itself:
"War—that scourge of Nations—threatens us. Fortify your hospital first; you may have need of it.
"The James Walker Memorial Hospital is in need of linens. Wont you buy a ticket to the Charity Ball and in this way help the hospital?
"Remember the date—February 8th—at the Germania Club. Tickets on sale at the Orton, the Wilmington, the Mission Drug Store and Baxter's Cigar Store."

Little Miss Maud Farrer left yesterday afternoon for Lumberton to spend two weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fuller, of Warsaw, spent yesterday in the city with friends, returning to their homes in the early evening.

Miss Lillian McDowell returned to the city yesterday from Warsaw, where she spent a week with her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Strickland.

Miss Nellie Copeley, of Raleigh, who has been visiting here as the guest of Miss Daisy May Johnson, returned to her home yesterday.

Miss Jessie McCabe of Charlotte, has returned to her home after a pleasant stay here and at Winnabow with friends.

HONORING MRS. BRIEL.
A delightful reception was given Friday evening in the Odd Fellows Hall by the Women's Benefit Association of the Lady Maccabees in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Briel, of Richmond, Va. The attendance was unusually large and the ladies were entertained by the lady members of the order. A splendid musical program was rendered, which was followed by the playing of games. Refreshments were served just before adjournment. Mrs. Briel is spending a period in the city while en route to Charlotte, where she will organize an order of Lady Maccabees there. She will remain in the city until Tuesday night and will direct the home talent play, "The Darkey Wedding," which will be presented Tuesday evening at the Winter Park school house.

MR. ELLIOTT TO SPEAK.
Will Address Boys at Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon at Five.

Mr. George B. Elliott, general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, will address the members of the Boys' League at 5 o'clock this afternoon on the subject of "How to Choose a Life Work." Mr. Elliott is a splendid speaker and the address should be one of the best of the series that has been arranged. The High School Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

DEALS IN DIRT.
A Number of Deeds Filed For Record at Court House Yesterday.

There were five deeds filed for record at the office of the register of deeds at the Court House yesterday morning. They were as follows: Wilmington Suburban Company to Standard Cement Company, lot on South Fifth street, \$10 and other considerations; Southern Realty Company to K. O. Burgwyn, lot at Summer Hill, \$100 and other considerations; Southern Realty Company to Thomas H. Wright, lot at Summer Hill, \$100 and other considerations; Southern Realty Company to Joseph D. Smith, lot at Summer Hill, \$100 and other considerations.

SPORT CHATTER.
(By Ringside.)
Chicago, Feb. 3.—In so far as knights of the padded mitt are concerned, interest this week centers in the ten-round clash between Johnny Kilbane, rock of the walk in the featherweight division and Ritchie Mitchell, the sensational Milwaukee lightweight, scheduled for Cleveland Thursday. Originally the first was to have been held January 30, but Mitchell injured his hand in training and obtained a postponement of a week.

Mitchell already holds two popular verdicts over Kilbane, earned at Cincinnati and Milwaukee. Kilbane, in consenting to a weight of 133 pounds at four o'clock, is giving Mitchell about ten pounds the best of it, and this fact alone stamps him as truly as game a boy as ever stepped out of his class in order to fight. Johnny has done it before and got away with it in bouts with Joe Mandot and Leonard, but he may find Mitchell a much tougher proposition.

POSTAL MATTER SHOOT UPWARD

Postmaster Green Notified of Advance in Price Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers

Uncle Sam has graduated into the class of plutocratic vendors of commodities who descend upon the abject and pitiful object—the ultimate consumer—and demand a price increase "on account of the war." All forms of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers are included in the schedule, the boost ranging from 32 to 60 cents per thousand. Notice of the raise was received by Postmaster H. McL. Green early in the week and went into immediate effect.

The most marked advance was upon the type of envelopes officially listed as "No. 5," which is the style that is generally used. These envelopes, which are 3 1/2 by 6 5/16 inches, jumped from \$21 per thousand to \$21.60 for the printed and from \$21.24 to \$21.32 for the unprinted. Newspaper wrappers, 5 1/2 by 10 1/2, advanced from \$10.72 to \$10.96 per thousand and the larger ones in proportion. Those measuring 8 by 12 are now selling for \$21.64 per thousand.

The order received by Postmaster Green announced that the change went into effect immediately upon its reception and that all orders under the former price which reached the department later than February 5th would be returned for revival. Near its conclusion the order says: "The department is preparing important improvements on all stamped envelopes of which you will receive notice soon."

According to postoffice employees, the advance is the first which the Government has made upon printed matters in years. Some two years ago the quotations upon stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers received a material cut and the present change brings the prices back to practically their former attitude. The increased cost of paper, the reason for which a Congressional committee is now investigating, is responsible for the fact that Wilmington patrons of Uncle Sam's postal store are today parting with extra shekels for their needs.

STILL LEAVES DOOR OPEN TO GERMANY

That is Opinion of North Carolina Congressional Delegation as to President.

(By GEORGE H. MANNING.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—The North Carolina delegation in Congress, to a man, approved most heartily of the address delivered by President Wilson to Congress on the German situation today.

The clear and concise way in which he presented the situation confronting the United States at present and the evidence of his purpose, even up to the time of the delivery of his address, to present hostilities between the United States and Germany, and continue the reign of "peace and prosperity" throughout the country, particularly appealed to the North Carolinians as it did to almost every man in Congress.

In the minds of all was the same hope that President Wilson expressed that Germany would not sacrifice American lives on the high seas in heedless contravention of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, but few, if any, expected that Germany would deviate from her expressed intention to wage ruthless submarine warfare, which could mean nothing short of war with the United States.

The North Carolina delegation agreed that President Wilson had made out a remarkably clear indictment against Germany that if she persisted in sinking neutral ships without warning the United States would sever relations with her, there was no alternative course for the President to take.

"What the President said was precisely to the point," said Senator Simmons, after the President had concluded his address. "He could not wisely have said less, or done less, and there is no immediate necessity for him to do or say more. The President has still left the door open for Germany to do right if she wants to, and I have entertained hope that she would be wise enough to change her course."

"Should Germany carry out her threatened atrocities there seems nothing for the President to do but declare war."

"Whatever his course, I feel certain Congress will promptly support him." Senator Overman expressed his hearty approval of the President's message, but said this was not a time for discussion of the situation. Democratic Leader Claude Kitchin said:

"The President could have taken no other course. His was the only course possible in keeping with American ideals and national rights. I am glad he gave Germany one more clear chance to avoid a conflict, which chance all Americans hope Germany will take."

Congressman Robert N. Page said: "I heartily approve of everything the President said and most sincerely hope the German government will commit no overt act which would necessitate a declaration of war."

Hungry for Pie.
Indications are multiplying that the Progressive leaders will not stay united with the Republican party unless they can have the bigger offices.

—Hickory Record.

BERNSTORFF IS HEART-BROKEN; FIXES TO LEAVE

Declares Nothing in His Career Hurt Him so Much as Break With Germany.

WILL QUIT POLITICS FOR GOOD, HE SAYS

"As This is My First Experience I Cannot Say When I Will Leave The United States," Says the Count

Washington, Feb. 3.—Count J. H. von Bernstorff, heart-broken that his years of unremitting toil to preserve friendly relations between the United States and Germany had collapsed in failure, tonight prepared to leave the country. He told friends that nothing in his long career in diplomacy had affected him so much as the break between Germany and the United States at this time.

"I don't care what happens to me now; I am out of politics forever; my life work has failed," the ambassador said with apparent deep emotion soon after he had been handed his passports by a State Department representative.

Tears swelled in his eyes as the ambassador talked to the newspaper men in the red room of the embassy following the State Department emissary's visit. His voice was husky and his speech faltered.

Ambassador von Bernstorff received his passports from the hands of Assistant Solicitor Lester H. Woolsey, of the State Department. With the passport which provides for the recall not only of the ambassador but his family and suite, the ambassador was handed a final note, which was practically a duplicate of the speech the President delivered before Congress.

Before the passports were delivered the ambassador and other officials of

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The embassy knew that a break was imminent. When he received definite word that diplomatic relations had been broken, he informed Countess Bernstorff of the news. The embassy officials and employees were immediately called into the ambassador's office and told what had happened. They immediately began packing up their personal effects preparatory to their departure. There was a complete suspension of business within the embassy and the possibility of war growing out of the situation was apprehensive that a business day (Continued on Page 7)

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