

## Fuel Order Lifted In North State

### No Workless Monday for Bess City Next Week But Norfolk is Still Under the Ban.

Washington, February 8.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today lifted the Monday closing order in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Moderation of weather conditions made this step possible, it is stated.

However, the order of preference in coal shipments established January 17th will remain effective as will also the penalty attached for violation thereof.

## NEW BUILDING FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL

### Talk of Baby Skyscraper For Growing Institution And New Building of Some Sort a Certainty.

A new banking house for the First National Bank will be erected on the site of the building now occupied by that institution in the immediate future.

The type of the building has not yet been decided upon but within a few days Washington architects will arrive in the city to draw up plans which will be submitted to the board of directors. Some members of the board, it is stated, favor a six-story building. The business of the bank has so increased since the present building was erected that larger quarters have become an imperative need.

The original lot purchased by the bank had a frontage of only twenty-five feet and a depth of only sixty-four feet. This week, however, the directors acquired from D. B. Bradford an additional frontage of twenty-five feet and the additional depth of 31 feet. This gives the bank a lot 50 x 95 feet upon which to erect the new structure.

An entirely new building is planned and not merely an addition to the present building. This indicates the plan of the directors to erect a banking house that will be a credit to the town and that will contribute more to the improvement of the business section of Main Street than any forward step that has been made since the erection of the Hinton building.

## GERMAN SHELLS SEEK OUR GUNS

### Comparative Quiet in Trench Land And Sammies Dry- ing Their Clothes

(By United Press)  
With American Army in France, Feb. 8.—German shells are trying to seek out the perfectly camouflaged positions of the American big guns.

This afternoon the enemy's heaviest artillery monotonously and persistently hurled big projectiles where they believed the American guns to be hidden.

Trench land is more quiet than usual. Occasionally there have been outbursts of machine gunning and a few German "pineapple bombs" landed in the wire entanglements, without doing any damage.

The Sammies are taking advantage of the clear windy day to hang out their rain-soaked clothing to dry wherever concealment is afforded.

### DR. McMULLAN ILL

Dr. Oscar McMullan is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Pennsylvania Avenue.

## MAY HAVE TO ISSUE NEW FORM OF MONEY

### McAdoo Warns That Unless Finance Corporation is Created Some Such Step May Be Necessary.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—Warning that if the war lasts long enough the Government may be driven to the expedient of issuing a form of paper money with no gold reserve back of it was given to the State Finance Committee by Secretary McAdoo this morning.

McAdoo said, however, that the creation of the proposed five hundred million dollar Government Finance Corporation would prevent such a necessity from arising.

## PUTS Y. M. C. A. ON PERMANENT BASIS

### Institution May Now Press Its Work Unhindered By Fear of Financial Rocks

Elizabeth City's Y. M. C. A. is now on an assured financial basis and can press its work without fear of running on the rocks of financial disaster.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. had a look at their books several months ago and found that the association was running with an annual deficit of \$1,200.00.

This left the association dependent for that amount each year on the uncertain income to be derived from bazaars, special collections, irregular donations, and so on.

How to meet the deficit was a problem. The local Y. M. C. A. was set going two years ago after the building had stood closed for about six years only after a most arduous campaign for public support. It had been kept going with no little difficulty. And to ask for \$1,200.00 additional under these circumstances and in the midst of the many appeals of war would have discouraged any but the most devoted and courageous hearts.

There were found men, however, who were willing to undertake the task. From that time they have been diligently at work, quietly and unobtrusively and patiently, but with a zeal and determination that would take no denial. Today they see their effort crowned with success and the permanency of the Y. M. C. A. as an agency for the uplift of boys and young men of Elizabeth City assured.

### G. W. WARD CONTINUES ILL

Mr. G. W. Ward, who has been ill for several months at his home on West Main street, has been in a semi-conscious condition for the past three weeks, and is entirely confined to his room.

Reports from his bedside Friday morning state that his condition is unchanged.

## FUNERAL OF OSCAR GREGORY

The funeral services of Oscar David Gregory, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Dr. B. C. Hening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gregory, 318 West Main Street.

Many attended the funeral, both young and old, showing that he had scores of friends. The members of the clubs, of which he was a member attended in a body. The Boy Scouts and the members of Mr. Steven's Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, of which he was a member, acted as escorts. Many floral offerings were made. The pallbearers were some of his close friends and members of the Boy Scouts, as follows: Melick Blades, George Modlin, James Hathaway, Selden Lamb, Warren Jenette, Morrisette Pendleton, Trim Aydtlett and William Ballard.

Oscar died Wednesday evening at 6:50 o'clock at the home of his parents on West Main Street at the age of 15 years.

He was taken ill with diabetes last July and had never regained his full strength, although at times he was able to walk around. He was taken to a specialist at Baltimore to be treated but to no avail. In the last few weeks he had been constantly losing his strength, and he knew that the end was near. It is exceedingly gratifying to his many friends that he passed away very calmly and without any struggle whatever. Oscar was liked by all to whom he was known and he had a host of friends.

He was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church and Sunday School and an ardent member of the Boy Scout Troop. He will be missed not only in the scout troop but in the many clubs of which he was a member.

He had finished the eighth grade in the Elizabeth City High School and left school with a good record.

## PEARL STREET METHODIST

The pastor, Rev. C. M. Warden, will occupy his pulpit at Pearl Street Methodist Church at both the morning and the evening services Sunday.

He extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

## AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST

Dr. G. W. Clarke will occupy his pulpit at both the morning and the evening services at the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday.

His subject for the morning service will be "Lessons from Joseph." For the evening service his subject will be "From Dust to Glory."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Saturday except rain Saturday in west portion, warmer light variable winds becoming south.

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## TO REHABILITATE BOARD OF TRADE

### Organization to be Put On Three Year Basis And Em- ploy Full Time Paid Secre- tary.

Elizabeth City is to have a full time paid secretary, with special training for his work, for its Chamber of Commerce and the organization is to be put on a permanent three year basis.

A membership of 300 is to be secured and commodious offices will be rented in the downtown section in which will be established the organization's headquarters.

All of this work is to be undertaken by the American City Bureau of New York which will conduct the campaign for memberships, provide the Manager-Secretary, and act in an advisory capacity to the Chamber through the three year period.

This step was decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting on Wednesday.

A representative of the American City Bureau went before the meeting with his proposition and its acceptance was unanimously voted.

"The old fashioned Chamber of Commerce, with its standing committees that simply stand and do nothing else," said Mr. Foster, the Bureau man, "is a thing of the past. There are too many Commercial clubs organized on a better basis for it to accomplish anything."

"To run a modern Chamber of Commerce, like every other enterprise that is worth while, takes men and it takes money. Both of these we propose to get for you."

## MRS. J. PAUL SPENCE DEAD

Mrs. Susie Hudgins Spence, wife of Professor J. Paul Spence, supervisor of instruction in the Norfolk public schools, died Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock, at the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, after ten days in her twenty-ninth year. Mrs. Spence had been suffering from a cold, and then strained herself in lifting a heavy object, a condition following which resulted in her undergoing a surgical operation last Friday night. She had a great many friends in the community, to whom the news of her death will carry a sense of deep regret, for she was a lady of many endearing qualities, and was loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted mother, and besides her husband she leaves four children, the eldest six and a half years and the youngest seven months old. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and the religion she professed was reflected in a beautiful daily life. She was the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Charles F. Hudgins of Norfolk, who survive her; also a brother, C. W. Hudgins of West Englewood, New Jersey, and two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Johnson and Miss Frances Hudgins, both of Norfolk.

The funeral took place Friday at 3 o'clock at the residence, 1214 West Gent boulevard, and was largely attended. It was conducted by Rev. Sparks, W. Melton, D. D., of Freeman Street Baptist church. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The burial was in Forest Lawn, the pallbearers being Curtis Hudgins, Roland Denby, George Spence, Clarence Sykes, D. C. Carr, and W. R. Grant.

## AT FIRST METHODIST

The pastor, Rev. J. M. Ormond, will occupy his pulpit at the First Methodist Church, at both the morning and the evening services on Sunday.

For the morning service at 11 A. M., his subject will be "Is Our Christianity Worth Emulating." His subject for the evening service at 7:30 o'clock will be "Living Clean."

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE MEETS SUNDAY

The Junior Epworth League at City Road Methodist Church will meet Sunday afternoon at the church at 2:30 o'clock.

Rachel Williams will have charge of the service.

## Spies Told of Convoy's Coming

### Distinguished American Expresses Belief Spies Responsible for Tus- cania's Sinking.

London, February 8.—Germany had information of the coming of the Tuscania and other vessels with important personages on board.

A distinguished personage from another ship who witnessed the attack declared that three torpedoes were fired at his own vessel later Tuesday night.

He declared his belief that the U-boat commander was acting on information obtained through the German spy system.

Washington, February 8.—Two thousand and thirty-five survivors from the Tuscania have landed at points on the Irish and Scotch coast, a cablegram to the Navy Department announced this morning.

This report included officers, men and crew but apparently the report is incomplete.

## AT FIRST BAPTIST

The pastor, Dr. B. C. Hening, will occupy his pulpit at the First Baptist Church at both the morning and the evening services Sunday.

His subject for the morning service at 11 A. M. will be "A Supposed Failure." For the evening service at 7:30 P. M. his subject will be "A Word to the Wary."

The general public is cordially invited to be present.

## GERMANY CALLS MORE MERE BOYS

### Sixteen Year Old Youths Of Class of 1920 Being Mus- tered Into Service

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—Germany has mustered in a portion of the class of 1920, more lads of sixteen years, official war office reports received here today stated.

These boys who would not ordinarily be mobilized for two or possibly three years have not yet been called into active service; but their mustering in has been in progress for some time.

Even military critics who have contended that Germany is about at the end of her man power could hardly credit the report that sixteen year old youngsters are being prepared for the trenches.

The reports are regarded here as of the greatest significance.

## TURKS DEFEATED BY THE ARABS

### Their Entire Army Killed Or Captured on Shore of Dead Sea

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—Arab forces under command of the Shiek of Mecca have completely defeated the Turkish army southeast of the Dead Sea, official dispatches of today state. In a sanguinary engagement which began January 30th.

The Arab tribesmen virtually annihilated the entire Turkish forces capturing three hundred prisoners, including the Commander in Chief of the Turks, the report states.

## JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. WILL MEET SUNDAY

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Memorial Baptist Church will meet Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Company C will lead and a very interesting program is expected.

All boys and girls between 12 and 15 years of age are cordially invited to be present.

## ALLIED DIPLOMATS OUSTED IN RUSSIA

### Unconfirmed Dispatch Says Various Embassies Are Enroute Sweden

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—An unconfirmed dispatch to the State Department from Stockholm, dated yesterday and received today, declares that the allied embassies and diplomatic representatives have been expelled from Russia and are enroute Sweden. The State Department admits that it has had no word from Ambassador Francis since Friday, February 2nd.

## MAY HALT PROGRAM OF SHIPBUILDERS

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—More than four thousand cars of wood and steel shipbuilding material were lost in the freight traffic during January and the whole shipbuilding program on the Atlantic coast is threatened with a complete tie-up.

Actual work on shipbuilding has reached a point, Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board declared today, where materials on hand will last only a few days or a week at the longest.

## AUSTRIAN CABINET HAS NOW RESIGNED

### This The News to Amsterdam In Dispatches from Vienna Today

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—The resignation of the Austrian Cabinet has been tendered Emperor Carl according to Vienna dispatches reaching here today and dated February 7th.

It is stated that the Austrian Premier, Von Seydler, had handed the resignations to the head of the dual monarchy.

## SHERIFF REID HAS RETURNED FROM RALEIGH

Sheriff Charles Reid of this city, has returned from Raleigh, where he went to carry Keeney Crank to the State Prison.

## IN SUFFOLK HOSPITAL

Mr. H. P. Winslow of this city is now in Lake View Hospital in Suffolk Va., suffering with a broken leg.