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## MARITIME ENGINEERING CORPORATION ABOUT TO RESUME OPERATIONS HERE

### Telegram Read at Chamber of Commerce Meeting Tuesday Night Indicates That Government Contracts Are On The Way

Shut down for the past three weeks on account of conditions due to the close of the war, the Maritime Engineering Corporation, Elizabeth City's Concrete Shipbuilding concern, is expected to resume operations within the next few days.

Superintendent R. E. Hall, who has charge of the Maritime Engineering Company's plant here, read a telegram at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night indicating that Government contracts authorizing the continuation of work on coal lighters for the navy, which the Corporation was at work on when the plant closed down, are on the way.

This is taken as practical assurance that the work at the plant will certainly be resumed. Probably it will be resumed in the very near future.

The Maritime Engineering Corporation is one of Elizabeth City's newest enterprises. About a year ago they obtained a long-term lease on the northern half of Machelie's Island, on the Camden side of the Pasquotank river and began the erection of a concrete shipbuilding plant on this island, with offices on the Elizabeth City side of the river.

Thousands of dollars were invested, the plant was put in shape and the erection of one huge lighter was well under way. The Corporation developed a new method of concrete shipbuilding. Instead of building moulds for the vessel to be constructed and pouring the concrete into these moulds, the Maritime Engineering Company set up the framework of steel for reinforcing the concrete and shot the concrete onto the steel reinforcing. This a big item of expense, the making of the moulds, was eliminated. The building of these moulds, or forms, it is said, costs more than the actual concrete vessel itself.

The development of the new process had just reached the point of what the Corporation believed to be its assured success when the end of the war came and demobilization began and Government contracts, which had been cancelled on every hand, then something somewhere snapped in the organization of the Maritime Engineering Corporation, which had a Government contract to construct several coal lighters for the navy almost in hand, and the plant closed down.

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce was apprised of the situation and after some investigation sent W. O. Saunders as its representative to Washington accompanied by representatives of the Corporation. It was a busy day when the party arrived at Washington, the day on which the President addressed the joint session of Congress on the eve of his departure from Washington to take passage on the George Washington. But as representative of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce they obtained an audience with Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who communicated with Admiral Taylor of the Bureau of Construction and repair and found that the contracts, though held up, had not been killed. It was intimated that it was possible that the Government would award the Maritime Engineering Corporation opportunity to undertake the construction of half if not all the lighters specified in the original bids submitted by the Maritime Engineering Corporation.

It is understood that the Maritime Engineering Corporation is ready to resume operations as soon as it can be assured of definite construction work to do. The telegram read by Superintendent Hall Tuesday night at the courthouse indicates that the looked-for contracts are on the way. Apparently there is no reason to doubt that operations at the plant of the Maritime Engineering Corporation will be resumed within the next few days.

Just received new selection dolls. See window display.

Graham Bell, Jule Etheridge, Edwin Jones and Edward Spruill have returned from the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, where they were members of the Students Army Training Corps.

## MANY THOUSAND CHECKS A DAY

### Army of Clerks Making Special Effort to Get Allotment and Allowance Checks in Hands of Soldiers' Families By Christmas

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The machinery of the Treasury War Risk Bureau has been speeded up to hasten the distribution of allotment and allowance checks to soldiers' and sailors' families by Christmas, it is announced today.

An army of clerks is now turning out checks at the rate of more than 140,000 checks a day.

More than a million checks are to be mailed this month.

## EXPECT ARRIVE AHEAD SCHEDULE

(By Associated Press)  
Brest, Dec. 11.—The United States, George Washington, with the President and his party on board, changed its course after passing the Azores and will arrive at Brest in advance of the time originally announced, according to a naval wireless received today.

## MOTHERS SEEK LEGAL REDRESS

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, Dec. 10.—Legal action against the former German Emperor has been commenced by an organization of "Lille Mothers."

The demand for prosecution states that commanders of the German army in April, 1916, deported that girls under age be carried away from their families, that they were submitted to odious treatment and forced into close contact with notorious women.

The statement says that whereas the commanders were thus guilty of crimes of abduction and whereas they were under the command of their former emperor, his prosecution is demanded.

## SAILORS GETTING BACK HOME NOW

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Dec. 11.—The United States transport Calameros, carrying nearly 1500 men, all of the navy personnel, reached quarantine here this morning.

Another transport, Guantanamo, also arrived today.

The American steamer Tonadored with nearly 900 troops and the British transport, Avarana, with 1400 also arrived today.

Mr. Howard C. Douglas of light-horse is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. W. L. Waldorf, on Front Street.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus has returned from New York City where he has been on professional business.

## DR. HOWARD GUEST OF HONOR

### Praised City's Hospitality to Sailor Boys And Suggested How Hospital Could be Made Still More Comfortable

Dr. J. V. Howard, Commanding Officer in charge of the United States Naval Hospital here, was guest of honor at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Dr. Howard expressed appreciation for the "magnificent hospitality" shown the sailor boys under his care by the people of Elizabeth City. It was only what he expected, however, he said, being himself a North Carolinian and a native of Kinston, one of the cities of this eastern section.

"Many of my men are not so well acquainted with Southern hospitality, coming as they do from every state in the Union. They are delighted with Elizabeth City and with the Elizabeth City hospital where their surrounding seem very homelike to them after coming from the big hospitals where so many more are cared for. Many of them, when well, are loth to return to service."

"As these men are from so many different sections of the country and from so many states, the good name of Elizabeth City, you may be sure, is going into every part of the United States of America."

Dr. Howard pointed out, however, that the lack of lights on the hospital grounds is a serious inconvenience to his men, many of whom are seriously disabled. He also suggested that a way should be found to extend the paving from Riverside avenue on to the hospital, in order to do away with the present combined inconvenience of the dark and mud.

Dr. Howard is anxious to bring his family here and expects to do so as soon as he can find a house for a home. The war has checked building operations and houses for rent are not easily found now.

## M. E. CONFERENCE AT GOLDSBORO

### Centenary Day To Be Observed on Thursday of this Week A Big Feature of Program

One of the most interesting features of the North Carolina Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which convened December 11th, at Goldsboro, N. C., will be "Centenary Day" which will be observed December 12th.

Among the speakers who will present the Centenary program will be Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, Dr. W. G. Crain, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. H. A. Boaz of Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. G. D. Winton, formerly missionary to Mexico.

The subjects to be discussed on "Centenary Day" will be "World Reconstruction after the War"; "God's Call to the Church in a World of Crisis"; "The Church's Opportunity to get Out of Littleness into Bigness." Bishop Darlington, the presiding officer, will be one of the principal speakers. A leading layman will discuss "Can We Put it Over?" and a stereopticon lecture will show the needs of the mission fields.

This year's annual conference mission promises to be one of the most interesting and important in the history of the organization. While the Centenary Movement is already well known to the members of the conference, great interest will be aroused by the coming of these specialists who are highly trained in missionary activities.

The Centenary Movement includes a world program based on a careful survey of need and opportunity, and vigorous campaign will be made to release the prayer power of the church by enrolling tens of thousands in the "Fellowship of Inter-Christians" and training them as prayer helpers. The program also includes a "Stewardship Drive" to secure enrollment of millions of Methodists who will acknowledge their stewardship by the payment of the tithe.

During the next five years of the Centenary celebration there will be a earnest appeal made for life service. Strenuous efforts will be made to recruit a large number of new

## KNOBB'S CREEK WATER IS BEST

### Actual Test Shows it Superior From Every Standpoint To That of Pasquotank River at Brickhouse

Knobb's Creek as a source of water supply for Elizabeth City is by far more satisfactory than the Pasquotank river at any point with which it would be practicable to pipe the water to Elizabeth City.

This was demonstrated by actual test when the Chamber of Commerce had a sample of Knobb's Creek water taken at the point of the present intake, and a sample of the river water taken at the Brick House, analyzed. The analysis shows the decided superiority of the Knobb's Creek water at every point of comparison. The river water shows greater alkalinity, salt and more bacteria than the Knobb's Creek water. Moreover, the comparative analysis is so decidedly in favor of Knobb's Creek as to leave no question of further investigation of the subject. The bacteria content of the river water at the brickhouse, for instance, is three times that of Knobb's Creek at the intake.

Mr. Lewis of the Water Company declares that his company had already conducted similar experiments and found that one would have to go up the Pasquotank to Possum Quarter before finding water even as good as that obtained from the present source. He is convinced that Knobb's Creek is the best available source of supply and that Knobb's Creek will be a satisfactory source if the Water Company is permitted to dam the creek against back water from the river, as they have sought to do for the last several years, but have not been able to get through the necessary legislation. He gives assurance that his company will erect a new and greatly improved and thoroughly up to date filter plant if they are also permitted to build this dam.

Mr. Lewis explained that the dam will be so constructed as to work only against back water and that it will not cause floods to the damage of lands along the watershed of the creek. His company, he says, would not seek to build the dam if it would endanger the crops on the watershed because the company knows that they would be liable to suit for such damage.

The Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday night, when the foregoing report was made, to instruct the President to name a Legislative Committee of five members to recommend to the Chamber the necessary legislation to meet this situation and any other situation that may arise before the State Legislature meets at Raleigh next month.

## WHITE SALE FOR WAR SAVINGS

The C. M. B. Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School will hold a White Sale on Friday and Saturday of this week, the proceeds of which will be invested in War Savings in the patriotic effort to do a bit toward reaching the goal in Pasquotank before the close of the year.

The bazaar will be held in the windows of the S. R. Siff Company's Store, which has kindly lent its aid for this purpose.

Chicken salad, home made pie and cakes, and all sorts of fancy articles will be sold.

Donations should be sent to Mrs. C. K. Overman, on North Road street or to Mrs. C. F. White on Main street.

The public is invited to patronize this bazaar and help the ladies in their worthy endeavor. Not only will the money all be invested in War Savings but the War Savings stamps in turn will be given to some religious or charitable cause.

Delayed shipment of dolls just received.

## JOHN R. CLYNES AT CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 10.—John Robert Clynnes, former British Peace Ambassador, will be one of the representatives at the Peace Conference, according to announcement today.

"See the new baby dolls just received at

## CASUALTY LIST MORNING REPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action	152
Died of disease	148
Wounded severely	351
Wounded (degree undetermined)	804
Wounded slightly	316
Missing in action	39
Total	1,801

## NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

**Killed in Action**  
Millard F. Tate, Marlon.  
John A. Culherson, Greensboro.  
Preston B. Loftin, Grifton.

**Died of Disease**  
James M. Doss, Campbell.  
James N. Evans, Spray.  
James L. Sanderlin, Elizabeth City, (J. W. Johnson, Secretary A. Lodge 14.)

Albert R. Leazer, Landis.  
Roy A. Patillo, Union Ridge.  
Samuel Speight, Whitaker.  
Alvester Tyner, Murfreesboro.

**Wounded Severely**  
Andrew O. Eaker, Shelby.  
James M. Myers, Hayes.  
Charles Elliot, Rocky Mount.  
Jay M. Mottlinger, Kernersville.  
Alvin O. Sides, Concord.

**John B. Snell, Windsor.**  
Bennie E. Fuller, Wade.  
Raymond Edmiston, Hickory.  
Edward G. Evans, Roxboro.  
William A. Mims, West End.  
Allie Harris, Jackson.

**Wounded (Degree Undetermined)**  
Sweeney B. Keeler, Pensacola.  
William R. Hardy, Edward.

**Slightly Wounded**  
Robert L. Pratt, Edenton.  
Freeman Rabstln, Gastonia.  
Wiley S. Dickerson, Washington.  
James Milton, Lumberton.  
Roy R. Morris, Gilkey.  
William Tyson, Kinston.  
Haskell J. Vasey, Bowling Springs.  
Leane Price, Concord.

## AFTERNOON REPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action	203
Wounded severely	833
Wounded (degree undetermined)	213
Wounded slightly	144
Missing in action	204
Total	1,597

## NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

**Killed in Action**  
Otis R. Douglas, Taylorsville.  
Freeman I. Hinkle, Stanley.  
Walter C. Bousley, Murfreesboro.  
Floyd F. Craven, Rainsboro.  
Castilla Henry, New Bern.

**Wounded Severely**  
James W. Turner, Goldsboro.  
Thurman F. Houser, Rutherfordton.

**Adolphus G. Cheek, Siler City.**  
Troy B. Honeycutt, Oakboro.  
George C. Loven, Spruce Pine.  
George Tucker, High Point.  
Luther F. Crenshaw, Gastonia.  
Eli B. Gibson, Gibson.  
Lonnie Hunt, Fairmont.  
Robert F. Patterson, Elm City.  
Douglas Privette, Wadesboro.  
Ernest R. Stewart, Stony Point.  
Owne L. Brown, Chinquapin.  
Floyd J. Crane, Glen Raven.  
Charles Aronson, Statesville.

**Wounded (Degree Undetermined)**  
William H. Case, Luck.  
John E. Sauls, Selma.  
Harry B. Brown, Oxford.  
John H. Gill, Henderson.  
Joseph E. Hulin, Greensboro.  
Charlie Dunlap, Rockingham.  
James M. Gibson, Pilot Mountain.  
Lucian G. Honeycutt, Clinton.  
George E. Stephens, Garland.

**Wounded Slightly**  
Fercy T. Duck, Siler City.  
Missing in Action  
Moses Parker, Wilson.

## DOLLS! DOLLS! Best line we have ever had. Come in and see them.

STANDARD PHARMACY.

## GERMANY QUIT JUST IN TIME

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New dolls received. Come in and make selection.

## SEES BRIGHT DAY FOR PASQUOTANK

### People Will Turn Their Attention to Good Roads and Education As Never Before Now War is Over, Says W. G. Gaither

"Time was when the idea of spending a million or even a half million dollars on the roads of Pasquotank County would have been ridiculed," said W. G. Gaither at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the courthouse Tuesday night. "I believe now that the war is over our people are ready to enter such an undertaking if wisely and carefully led."

"We have seen our people during the war take up one after another the four Liberty Loans. They have been taught that big things may be done without great hardship when all work together. And I do not believe that the paving of the roads of Pasquotank is going to be regarded any longer as an impossible undertaking."

"Moreover, if the county should decide to float bonds for this purpose and the bond market should not be satisfactory, I believe that we could finance the bond issue right here at home. The people have been taught to buy bonds, and they could be induced to buy Pasquotank good road bonds just as they have bought Liberty Bonds."

Mr. Gaither was speaking on invitation of the President, Mr. A. B. Houtz, it being the first meeting he had been present for since his return from camp.

"I cannot tell you," he said, "of thrilling adventures as will those who come back from the real fighting 'over there,' as it was my ill fortune to be one of the one and three quarter million left in camp when the armistice was signed. After my few months of service, which I regard now as a vacation, I am again ready for harness and glad to be back to take up my work and make my home in Elizabeth City, believing more strongly than ever in the advantages of our splendid section."

Mr. Gaither also expressed the opinion that the years just ahead would see an awakened interest in education.

## NOTHING OUT OF HOHENZOLLERN

### Herr William Refuses to Tell World Sad Story of How War Was Forced Upon Him in 1914

(By Associated Press)  
London, Dec. 11.—William Hohenzollern will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of war in 1914, according to the Amurongen correspondent of the London Express.

The correspondent succeeded finally in having admitted to Herr Hohenzollern a list of questions as to his pacific attitude before the war and as to his steps to prevent the opening of hostilities.

Through Count Von Bontinck the Hohenzollern replied that if there were any possibility of his becoming a defendant he preferred postponing anything he had to say until that time.

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