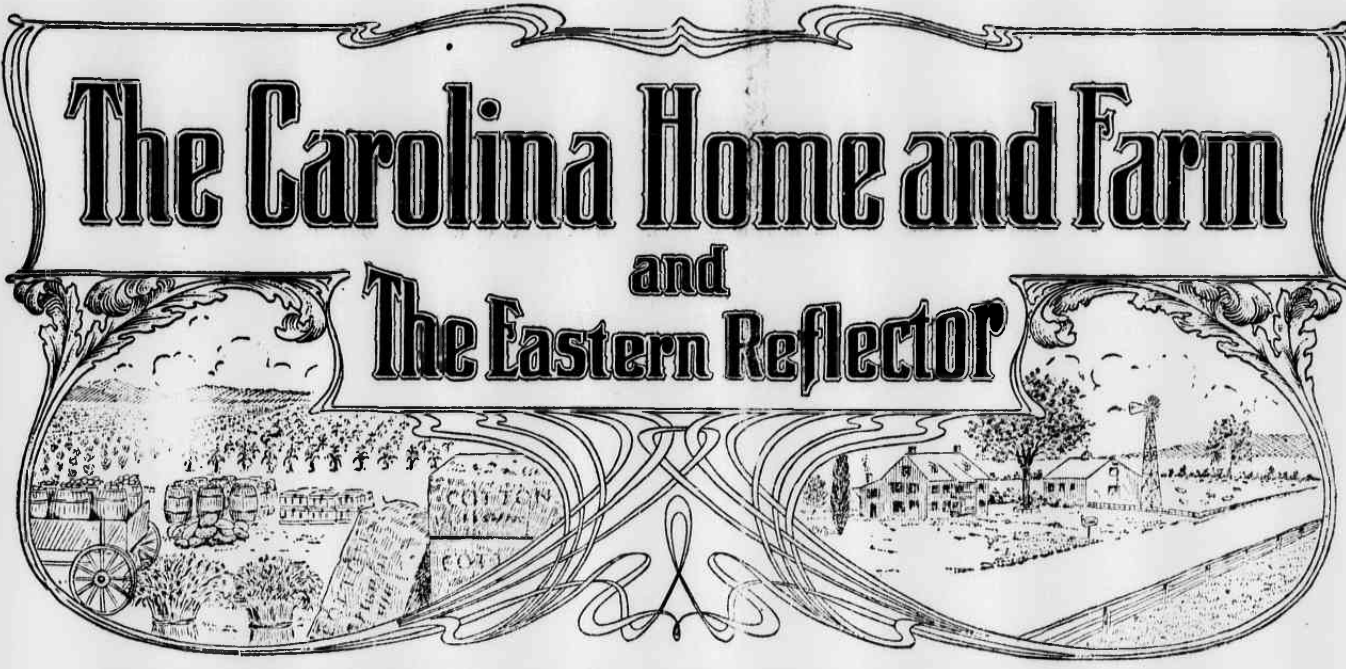


GREENVILLE IS THE HEART OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. IT HAS A POPULATION OF FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, AND IS SURROUNDED BY THE BEST FARMING COUNTRY. INDUSTRIES OF ALL KINDS ARE INVITED TO LOCATE HERE FOR WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF LABOR, CAPITAL AND TRIBUTARY FACILITIES. WE HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE JOB AND NEWSPAPER PLANT.



Agriculture is the Most Useful, the Most Healthful, the Most Noble Employment of Man.—George Washington.

WE HAVE A CIRCULATION OF TWELVE HUNDRED AMONG THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF NORTH CAROLINA AND INVITE THOSE WHO WISH TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THESE GOOD PEOPLE IN A BUSINESS WAY TO TAKE A FEW INCHES SPACE AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU HAVE TO BRING TO THEIR ATTENTION. OUR ADVERTISING RATES ARE LOW AND CAN BE HAD UPON APPLICATION.

ANOTHER PLOT AGAINST THE U. S. BEING UNVEILED

Said To Be Against The Neutrality of United States.

An Arrest Is Expected Shortly In Connection With Welland Canal Attempt.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22.—What is believed to be an entirely new plot against American neutrality has been unearthed by agents of the Department of Justice investigating the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal.

Chief Bielaski of the bureau of investigation said today that evidence had been secured from Paul Koenig and others said to be connected with him in the alleged canal plot, which opened up another trail.

Mr. Bielaski declined to indicate the nature of the alleged new conspiracy, but said arrests might be expected soon.

New York, Dec., 22.—Two Federal grand juries were investigating today the alleged plot to blow up the Welland Canal and the activities of Labor's National Peace Council in investigating strikes in war munition factories.

Federal officials here expect to arrest shortly a man whose name has not yet been mentioned in connection with the conspiracy to destroy the Welland Canal, and this will complete the government's case in this matter, it was learned today. The man who is styled the "missing link" in the conspiracy is under surveillance and will be taken into custody soon.

Frederick Metzler, who acted as Koenig's stenographer and who is declared to have already furnished the government with important information in the Welland Canal case, went before the Federal grand jury. In so doing it was understood that Metzler regained immunity from prosecution.

L. AMES BROWN IS HERE TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS

Mr. L. Ames Brown, formerly of Greenville but who is now residing in Washington, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays. Mr. Brown is the Washington correspondent for several of the metropolitan papers.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS? THIS CHILD THINKS YES

Writes a Letter to "Santa Claus," Greenville, N. C. And Judge Frank Wooten Gets Letter.

Is there a Santa Claus? This little child thinks yes. This morning a letter came to the local post office addressed to Santa Claus. Judge Frank Wooten got the letter, and now he is going to send the little child some real Christmas presents. Following is the letter:

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an air rifle and a pound of shots, and me a water pistol and bring me some caps to go with my pistol. I have got the cap pistol but haven't got any caps, and bring me some fire crackers.
From your friends.

RUSSIANS BEGIN OPERATIONS ANEW AGAINST BULGARS

Bombardment of Varna Has Been Commenced Vigorously.

Germans Report Successful Attack On British Troops In The Vicinity of Hulluck.

London, Dec. 22.—Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. He says:

"A Russian cruiser and two destroyers which are conveying sixteen transports filled with troops have arrived off the Bulgarian coast, and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

The Bulgarian port of Varna is on the Black Sea a few miles south of the Rumanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas, fifty miles further south, are the principal Bulgarian Black Sea ports.

On several occasions since the beginning of the Teutonic drive through Serbia it has been reported that the Russians would attempt an invasion of Bulgaria from the sea, and it has been said forces were being concentrated for this purpose at Odessa.

Previous despatches reporting Russian naval demonstrations before Varna or Burgas presumably preparatory to an effort to land troops were not borne out subsequently.

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BERLIN, DEC. 22.—Via London.—A success against the British in an operation near Hulluck on the front in France southwest of Lille is announced by German army headquarters in today's official statement. On the eastern front a movement by which the Russians were driven from a village before the German lines near Widsydey, is reported. The statement says:

"Western theatre of war:
"East of Hulluck a German division captured a British sap and repulsed counter-attacks made during the night. There was lively artillery action at various points along the front. Otherwise no events of importance occurred.

"Eastern theatre of war:
"During the night of December 19-20, an advanced Russian division had occupied the village of Dekschel, southeast of Widsydey, which is located near our front. Yesterday the Russians were driven out. South of Lake Wigonowikoj and near Cosenichowka, northeast of Czartorysk, enemy reconnoitering divisions were repulsed.



FRANZ VON RINTELEN, GERMAN AGENT

Evidence is now in the hands of U. S. government officials which tends to show that the German government, through its secret agent, Franz von Rintelen, spent huge sums of money in an attempt to empoir the United States and Mexico.

Von Rintelen is now held by the English government as a German spy. A careful search of his baggage brought to light several letters from prominent society women in this country, and the information gleaned from these letters has materially aided the British secret service agents in this country.

Von Rintelen is now in the Tower of London awaiting execution. He has such a fund of valuable information that his death has been postponed from time to time in the hope that he would confess to save his life. But he has stood firm and says that he isn't afraid to die.

COMMUNITY XMAS TREE PROGRAM WILL BE INTERESTING TO EVERYONE

The program for the exercises at the Community Christmas tree will be the following:

1. Lighting the Community Christmas Tree.
2. Singing Christmas Hymns by all present.
 - (a). Silent Night! Holy Night.
 - (b). O Little Town of Bethlehem.
 - (c). Oh, Come All Ye Faithful.
3. Christmas Carols—Sung by the school children.
 - (a). Ring Out Sweet Bells of Christmas.
 - (b). O, Hemlock Tree.
 - (c). Christmas Bells are Ringing.
 - (d). Jolly Old Santa Claus.
4. Singing Christmas Hymns—by all present.
 - (a). Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
 - (b). Hark What Mean Those Holy Voices.
 - (c). Joy to the World, The Lord is Come.
5. Closing Song—America.

Following is a list of the donations reported today:

End of the Century Club.....	\$5.00
The Round Table Club.....	\$5.00

BIG MISTAKE IN YESTERDAY'S NEWS ITEM IS CORRECTED

A news item in yesterday's paper was made to appear ludicrous when it spoke of a Mr. as Miss. The item should have read: Mrs. Frank Hodges and Dr. Jim Greene went to Richmond Sunday night to visit Mrs. Hodges' son, Dr. Churchill Hodges, who is ill in that city. Later reports state that Mr. Hodges is much improved.

Special Window a Convenience

The opening of a special window in the post office last night to receive packages, proved quite a convenience especially to a number of ladies, in mailing packages. The window will open again tonight and tomorrow night from 7 to 8 o'clock. On Friday night the window will be open to receive packages for delivering in town Christmas morning. You can mail packages for local delivery and avoid having to get them delivered yourself.

LENOIR LOOKS FONDLY AT SLICE OF THIS COUNTY

But Ayden Laughs At The Idea Of Being "Lenoirite."

Hands a Good One Back To The Free Press—Idea Bring Lenoir From Obscurity.

The annexation proposition as recently proposed by the "prominent business man" of Kinston is still open for discussion, according to the following in yesterday's Ayden Dispatch in reply to some hot shot poured into it by the Kinston Free Press:

"Ah, the dear boy does take such a broad view of the annexation project, but for some reason or other he let a small portion of obscurity creep into one of his sentences of which we cannot very well interpret, as so much redundancy is incurred, that it would take Daniel Webster to elucidate the problem. The dear boys refer to some of the Ayden people becoming violently exercised over the matter, and we cannot well determine the nature of the violent exercise, unless it was that some indulged in a little violent exercise of laughter over the project. But as the project is not such a bad one, suppose the dear Free Press call a special meeting of the Legislature, and several Mass meetings, and probably the desired localities will be annexed to the county of Lenoir by an overwhelming majority."

Lenoir, according to a local business man, would need a slice of Pitt, Craven and Jones to bring it out of obscurity, but since there will be enough opposition to prevent the securing of the "slice," there is little cause for further worry on the part of anxious Pitt county citizens.

THIS TIME IT WAS A SURE ENOUGH CHRISTMAS PRESENT

George Fleming Found a Tiny Mite of Humanity on His Doorstep—Thought It Was Christmas Eats.

George Fleming, of near Pactolus, is a much worried darkey according to the statement of a man from that section of the county who was here today.

George heard a noise at his doorstep the other night and when he went out he found a basket on the doorstep. "Somebody done and sent me a Christmas present," he said. George was sure that it was something to eat, too, and began to lift off the cover. First came a blanket, then another and then still another, and deep down in the basket George heard a queer little sound.

Tucked neatly under the wraps was a baby girl, and George, it is said, has adopted her. But he says anyone else who would like to, may take her off his hands.

Yes—She's colored, of course.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

County Superintendent S. B. Underwood announced today that the county superintendent's office will be closed Saturday and Monday on account of the Christmas holidays.

COL. FRED OLDS TO ADDRESS THE CAROLINA CLUB

Will Be Here Tuesday, January The Fourth.

Will Remain Over a Day And Search For Historical Relics In Pitt.

The program committee of the Carolina Club for the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday night, January fourth, have received a letter from Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, announcing that he will accept their invitation to address the club that night.

Col. Olds will remain in Greenville the next day or probably longer, to take in points of interest in the community, and while here hopes to secure some objects of historical interest, either as gifts or loans, to be placed in the State Hall of History, of which he has charge. Relics of any period and Confederate regimental flags are especially desired.

Perhaps there are veterans living in the county who have some interesting relics that Col. Olds would appreciate getting. Look about and see if you can not have something ready for him when he comes.

The program committee is fortunate in having Col. Olds come here, not only for the address to the club, but also to make historical research of Pitt county.

Col. Olds is a strong speaker and always delights his hearers with a brilliant, spicy talk. He has recently traveled over the State doing historical work and addressing Chambers of Commerce, and everywhere he has been, he has received high praise.

EASTERN CAROLINA NEWS

KINSTON—J. T. Barnes, section boss, disappeared from home. He has returned and seventy-five dollars he carried away has dwindled to seventy-five cents, relatives say. He came back lit for fair and in a pullman car. Wanted to "get off at Kinston," but wouldn't when the train arrived. His wife was waiting for him.

AYDEN—Ayden is worried over the continued visits of the Dover bank robber. The Ayden cops will get 'em, yet, they say.

KINSTON—When Bryant Taylor, superintendent of the county roads, called with a guard at the jail Monday for the convicts for the roads from last week's Superior court, he discovered a party of desperately sick darkies. The services of physicians were had with good results for one of the blacks who was found to be genuinely ill. He will, a chronic invalid, remain in jail. The others went to the roads.

NEW BERN—Eleven violators of the State Fish Law have been arrested in New Bern. They were given a hearing yesterday and bound over to court.

WASHINGTON—Col. Rodman believes that the continental army plan will be abandoned and that the militia plan will win out. He has just returned from Raleigh where he talked with Adjutant General Young on the matter.