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Years and years of friction with Great Britain over shipping questions and the experience of two wars with her are a continual reminder to Americans that they must rely upon themselves if they would be free upon the seas and upon land. British aggression and interference with American commerce is just as intolerable as German aggression and interference would be. We have had the first, and are still confronted with vexing complications; while German interference is an imaginary thing.

"Until and unless Great Britain gives the world some assurance that she is not intending to build up a militarism of the sea comparable with German militarism on land, it is the duty of independent, and self-respecting nations to prepare for their own defense. It is especially the duty of the United States to build up a navy that will be able to guard American coasts and protect American interests. Americans will never consent to the proposal that their independence and the integrity of their coasts shall be guaranteed by the friendly navy of Great Britain."

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WILL ENGLAND RULE?

There is no doubt of the fact that England desires to hold the supremacy of the seas and all of her actions in the past and at present conclusively prove this. Such being the case, the commerce of this and other nations and the safety of these nations is at stake and much as we deplore that we are on the best of terms with the "mother country," down in our hearts we know that such is not the case; that it is merely a case of "wait and see" on the part of England and that when the proper time arrives, if it does, she will claim her supremacy over the sea commerce of the United States.

Not only in commercial ships is England at present far superior to the United States, but her navy is larger and better equipped. While we are not favoring a policy of antagonism, we do believe that we should be prepared for the inevitable and be ready to uphold our rights at any and all times. Now is the time to take some action toward increasing our navy, getting larger and better ships and the opportunity of doing this should not be allowed to pass by.

Commenting along this line, the Washington Post fittingly says: "The British admiralty proudly announces that the new cruiser Carolina has been completed at Birkenhead in record time—ten and one-half months from the date of laying the keel. The Carolina was to have been delivered on May 31, 1915, and her completion and acceptance on December 17 is justly acclaimed as a triumph of British shipbuilding. She is a light cruiser of 3,800 tons, with 30 knots speed."

"Mr. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, recently stated that more vessels were being built in England than were being destroyed by the enemy. The British navy, he said, was stronger than it had been at the beginning of the war, and was rapidly increasing its preponderance over the German navy."

"This Great Britain moves forward toward her goal—the absolute mastery of the sea. There is no concealment about it. Militarism on land is a hateful thing, to be fought and destroyed if it takes all the nations of Europe to do it. But militarism on the sea is an admirable thing, so long as it is British militarism. That is the high view which the world is asked to accept."

"How can the United States be expected to rest at ease, without increasing its navy, in the face of Great Britain's determination to build such a gigantic navy? How can there be any assurance of peace in the world while one nation plans to dominate all the others in every sea?"

"Great Britain appeals for the sympathy of the world, and especially for the sympathy of the United States, on the ground that she is 'fighting America's battle against militarism.' Germany is held up as an orge to frighten Americans. Germany's great military machine is denounced as a menace to the world, which must be destroyed before Europe or America can be secure."

"But what about British militarism? What about the mobile military machine which England can move against our ports and against the Panama Canal? Germany's army is not a menace to the United States, because it cannot come to these shores. But Britain's navy can come, and it can bring an army with it."

"If Great Britain is honestly trying to do away with militarism and lift the burden of war taxes from all people, it is high time that a declaration should be made that the British navy will be curtailed. The world is entitled to an assurance of British good faith without such assurance no nation will be justified in keeping down naval expenditures."

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BAD WEATHER IN CARTERET COUNTY

Especially Bad Around the Mill Creek Section

Mill Creek, Carteret county, Dec. 30.—Although the weather has been extremely bad, everything has been very lively here and every body has seemingly, enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent. The Christmas tree at Bay View was a success, it being well attended and the services were very appropriate and enjoyed by all who attended.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Merritt spent Christmas with their daughters, Mrs. W. E. Currier and Mrs. M. D. Rice. Captain B. A. Oglesby spent Monday at Morehead City.

Misses Nora and Lula Oglesby, of Beaufort, are visiting their father D. F. Oglesby at Mill Creek.

W. E. Currier, D. B. Duncan and Mr. Howell spent Tuesday at Beaufort.

Robert Berry, of Elizabeth City, is spending the week with W. H. Oglesby.

Raymond Hardesty, of Jacksonville, N. C., spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Hardesty.

J. T. Graham killed two wild turkeys Monday, these making his fifth this season.

William Dizon, of Wrightsville, N. C., was called here on account of the death of his mother Mrs. Emeline Tucker.

Mrs. S. C. Sopshier has returned home after spending the holidays with her brother, William Forbes, at Morehead City.

A very enjoyable evening was spent last Saturday by a number of young people at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Currier.

Mrs. Amanda Forbes has returned home after a short visit to friends at Morehead City.

Misses Stella and Hazel Howell and Raymond Hardesty report having spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Miss Georgia Currier last Monday.

James Small spent last Sunday evening with Mrs. Nellie Small.

The young people of this section are anticipating a good time at a confectionary party which is to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Graham at their home Friday night.

HELP THE BELGIANS
 Red Cross Society Appeals For Assistance.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Appeals for serviceable wearing apparel, both for destitute non-combatants and sick and wounded soldiers, continued today to reach headquarters of the American Red Cross. The American Relief Clearing House in Paris advised that overcoats for men and clothing for women, children and babies was needed in France. The French Red Cross stated their greatest need now was not surgical supplies, but hospital garments, such as pajamas, shirts, convalescent robes and crocheted socks and linen.

Banking at Richmond Makes Rapid Strides

That the Federal reserve bank located at Richmond, embracing the territory which includes New Bern has passed the million-dollar mark in its rediscounting operations is shown by the statement of the institution filed the day before Christmas. In this connection the following clipping from The Times-Dispatch will be read with interest in local banking and financial circles.

"A healthy growth in the rediscounting operations of the Federal reserve bank of Richmond is reflected by the statement of the bank's condition at the close of business on December 24, issued yesterday by Governor George J. Seay. The statement shows that the bank has in its vaults discounted commercial paper to the value of \$1,183,871.65. For the first time since the opening, six weeks ago, the bank's rediscounting operations have reached and passed the million-dollar mark.

"Since the life-blood of the new Federal banking system is negotiable commercial paper, the extent to which the reserve banks rediscount this paper measures in a large part, their real service to the member banks of the districts. Reference to the weekly statements that have been issued to Governor Seay of the local bank since its establishment bears witness to the steady growth of the Richmond bank's discounting operations.

"The first weekly statement of the bank's condition was issued by Governor Seay of November 21. The bank undertook no rediscounting during the first week of its operation, devoting its efforts to the collection of the reserve and capital stock payments at that time due from the member banks.

"The statement of November 28 showed that the bank had rediscounted bills in the amount of \$113,352.49. A week later, according to the statement of December 5, this item had increased to \$405,430. On December 12, the weekly statement returned discounts totalling \$748,000, and a week later still, \$963,706.50. The high mark in discounting operations was reached this week, when the discounts at the close of business Thursday aggregated \$1,183,871.65.

"Beginning on Monday, the local bank will reduce the discount rate on sixty-day maturities from five and one-half per cent, the present rate on this class of paper, to five per cent, the discount rate now enjoyed only by thirty-day maturities. It will reduce also from six per cent to five and one-half per cent the discount rate on commercial paper maturing from sixty to ninety days will be six per cent.

"The statement issued by Governor Seay yesterday follows:

Condition of Federal reserve bank of Richmond at close of business December 24, 1914.

Assets.	
Cash on hand	
Gold coin and certificates	\$8,431,080.00
Legal-tender, silver certificates, etc.	56,912.00
Total	\$8,487,992.00
Bills discounted	1,183,871.65
All other assets	70,590.92

Liabilities	
Capital paid in	\$1,093,616.67
Reserve deposits	7,437,249.39
Due to other Federal reserve banks	424,288.51
Federal reserve notes in circulation	787,100.00
All other liabilities	200.00
Total	\$9,742,454.57

Gold reserve against all liabilities, 97 per cent.
 Cash reserve against all liabilities, after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve for Federal reserve notes in circulation, 104 per cent."

Follow the crowd to the Athens. See the biggest and best show.

TO GIVE AID
 Revenue Cutter Goes To North Atlantic.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Equipped as a floating hospital and with a commissioned officer of the public health service in charge of its medical department, the revenue cutter Androsoggin was on its way today to the North Atlantic to render first aid to all American deep sea fishermen suffering from physical ailment. The Androsoggin is the first revenue cutter to be equipped with a complete hospital outfit. The cutter service has arranged to carry a commissioned surgeon of the public health service on all winter cruising cutters.

"The Gentleman From Mississippi" One of the Best Ever

"The Gentleman From Mississippi," a five reel Brady feature picture, was shown before three large audiences at the Athens theatre yesterday afternoon and last night and it made a decided hit with everyone who saw it, in fact many were of the opinion that it was one of the best feature productions ever shown there.

The Bijou Stock Company appeared in a comedy drama entitled "Whirlpool" and they made a lasting impression on every one. The production was good, in fact it was excellent and there was frequent applause.

Tomorrow is "Million Dollar Mystery" day and of course there will be an unusually large crowd on hand to see this great picture. Today the picture program is up to its usual standard of excellence and the Bijou Stock Company will present an entire change of bill.

FEW LICENSES. But Small Number in North Carolina.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—There are only a few persons in the vicinity of Raleigh holding government licenses to retail whiskey. Within the city limits there are no individuals. Practically all the drug stores hold licenses but that is necessary in order that they may fill certain prescriptions that require alcohol. There is only one individual within five or six miles of the city holding a license. That one is Benjamin P. Hardy of Caraleigh Hill, as shown by Record 10, of the United States revenue office here. Since the passage of the war stamp act moving picture shows, pool table operators, tobacco dealers and many others have been brought with in the range of the federal taxing system. The names of all these have been placed on Record 10. The liquor dealers are few and far between in this district. Most of them are in the extreme eastern part of the State.

W. J. BRYAN TO VISIT RALEIGH

Will Address Members of North Carolina Legislature

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Clarence Poe, president of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, which will meet in this city January 28, 29 and 30, is in receipt of a letter from Secretary Daniels to the effect that he is making arrangements with Secretary Bryan to address the North Carolina legislature and that the secretary of state will combine his dates here, addressing the Social Service Conference during that visit. Secretary Daniels will also address the conference. The officers of the conference are: Clarence Poe, president; Governor Locke Craig, honorary president; Warren H. Booker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. I. M. Taylor, second vice-president; Rev. John N. Cole, third vice-president. The first vice-president was Rt. Rev. Dr. Strange, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, deceased. There will be a fitting tribute paid him during the meeting.

One of the sure enough big speakers will be Thomas Mott Osborne, the new warden of Sing Sing. He is one of the leading Democrats of New York state and has been spoken of as a likely nominee for governor of that commonwealth, but he has devoted his life to a study of prison reform. A recent issue of The Outlook had several pages devoted to his work. He has been heard by several local people, including Miss Mary Shannon Smith, who said to Mr. Poe that he was one of the most interesting speakers she ever heard.

Mrs. Stewart of Kentucky and Superintendent Ezell of Harnett county, this State, will be heard at the conference on the subject of moonlight schools. Mrs. Stewart is devoting her time to the promotion of the project in Kentucky and Mr. Ezell has tried the scheme out with success in Harnett county. There will also be a speaker on the subject of child labor. President Poe's subject will be, "The Part of the Church in Civilization Building."

Many delegates are expected and it is hoped to make the meeting one of the biggest occasions of the kind ever held in the United States. All the arrangements point to success.

Secretary Bryan's address before the general assembly will probably be on the subject of a state primary law.

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SEVERAL CASES IN POLICE COURT

One Negro Stole A Bicycle—Another Beat A Horse.

Ed. Marshall, colored, was arraigned before Mayor Bangert at Police Court yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with stealing a bicycle from E. W. Simpkins. The negro acknowledged taking the wheel but claimed that Mr. Simpkins owed him some money and would not pay him. Notwithstanding this statement he entered a plea of not guilty, but a verdict of guilty was rendered and his bond fixed at fifty dollars, in default of which he was committed to the county jail for safe keeping until the next term of Craven Superior Court.

Mr. Simpkins missed his wheel the same night that it was stolen, and Tuesday he asked the defendant, who was working for him, if he had seen any one with it, and he stated that he saw another colored man with it nearly every day. Mr. Simpkins told the officers about it and the other man was arrested, but he denied having stolen the wheel, but stated that he had seen Marshall with it. The two men were carried together and the latter acknowledged the theft.

David Barnes, colored, was given his choice of serving thirty days on the county road or taking a good thrashing for being cruel to a horse. He decided he would take the whipping and his mother was sent for to perform the task. Vera Hudson, colored, was arraigned on a misdemeanor warrant, but the evidence not being sufficient for conviction he was discharged.

See the Big Show at the Athens Today for 5, 10 and 15c.

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

Middling	7c
Strict Middling	7 1/4c
Good Middling	7 1/2c

Receipts yesterday 35 bales.

BRIDGE CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

Held Weekly Meeting Yesterday With Miss Margaret Bryan

The Weekly Bridge Club resumed their weekly bridge parties after the Christmas rush, gathering at the home of Miss Margaret Bryan on Wednesday afternoon.

The old colonial home was beautifully decorated with evergreens and potted plants and the open fire diffused a cheerfulness which found response in the heart of everyone present.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Henry R. Bryan, Sr., and little great-granddaughter, baby Frances Bryan Claypoole, thus representing four generations at the playing of the old game and the approach of the new. Considerable merriment was created by the toasts which were original verses by the guests, all joining in a complete chorus.

INVESTIGATE LYNNING

Alabama Officials To Look Into Recent "Baa."

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 30.—Governor O'Neal has ordered Judge Gamble, of the second judicial circuit, Lowndes county, to call a special session of the grand jury to investigate the lynching on December 18 of a negro, Will Jones, at Fort Deposit. The negro was arrested for an attempted assault on a white high school girl, taken from officers by a mob and hanged, his body being ridged with bullets afterwards.