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ONLY 5 More Shopping Days Before X'mas.

The Weather. South Carolina: Cloudy and warm Saturday; Sunday probably rain.

Thought For the Day. A false pleasure makes a true pain.

There is no confirmation of the report that the shoemakers are opposed to the walking pad.

Washington women are said to be wearing gowns to correspond in color to their lap dogs.

It's a long, long way to the 13th of January, but South Carolina's heart and hope are right there.

President Wilson is announcing that he is opposed to the literacy test for immigrants.

We'll bet that within ten days after the army and navy appropriation bills have been passed by Congress, there won't be ten cents' worth of discussion of "preparedness" in all the newspapers.

Ere long South Carolina will be Manning the ship of state for a new voyage.

It would be hard to improve upon the expression of the New York World that certain newspapers and politicians are "on a military spree."

Col. Roosevelt is said to have declared that Germany will win the victory in the war, so what's the use to go on fighting about it?

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OUR DAILY POEM

Words Wonderful Things. Keep a watch on your words, young people.

For words are wonderful things; They are sweet, like the bee's fresh honey.

Like the bee, they have terrible stings! They can bless like the warm, glad sunshine.

If their errand is true and kind, If they come to support the weary, To comfort and help the blind; If a bitter, revengeful spirit Prompt the words, let them be un-said.

OUR HOLY GRAIL

Anyone who has gone through the high school recalls the story told by a New England poet of the knight of old who sallied forth from his castle one fine morning in quest of the Holy Grail.

The warrior, of course, spurned the wretch who dared accost him while bound on so high a mission as that of seeking out the Holy Grail.

And, lo and behold, as the aged and broken knight fed the miserable beggar, a great light broke upon his soul.

We recite the story because it illustrates a condition which the people of Anderson must face this winter—the question of human distress brought about by circumstances over which the poor souls have no control.

TO BE REGRETTED

It is to be regretted that there were not more people, and especially some of the city's representative business men, out for the meeting last night at the chamber of commerce of the committee having in charge the matter of raising funds for the relief of the Belgian war sufferers.

We believe that the good people of Anderson are going to be compelled to give their attention to some measures looking toward local relief before prosperous times have returned.

DOESN'T IT PAY?

If we err not, one of the blessings of prohibition in Anderson will be emphasized quite strongly within the next few days.

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THE INSTANT AT HOME An illuminating example of the real advantage of the savings bank not only to the depositor but to the community in which it is located was the disbursement yesterday by one of the banks of this city of a fund of more than \$7,000 which accumulated during the last months of the first half of the year comes now as a boom at a time of stress.—Florence Times.

THE 1915 BOY

"I will not throw sticks or rocks at hornet's nests." (But birds nest better build high.)

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES GRANTED EASTERN RAILROADS

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revenue derived from them is relatively small.

In the eastern districts 10 per cent. of the entire volume of freight is anthracite 31 per cent. bituminous coal, 5 per cent. coke, 5 per cent. ores. The coal roads, in the opinion of the commission, already are profitable.

After further consideration the commission permits advances to be made on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On these commodities no advances were permitted by the decision of August 1.

Joint rates between official classification territory and territory south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent.

Interstate rates to and from New England also may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent.

While present existing differentials among various Atlantic ports are preserved the rates between any two of them also may be increased 5 per cent. The decision says:

"While we differ as to the relative importance to be attached to the various considerations presented, we agree in the conclusion that it is necessary that the carriers' revenues be supplemented by increases throughout official classification territory. Whatever the consequences of the war may prove to be, we must recognize the fact that it exists, the fact that it is a calamity without precedent, and the fact that by it the commerce of the world has been disarranged and thrown into confusion.

"Carriers will be required to keep an account of the additions to their revenues from increases in rates subsequent to July 29, 1914, and from new charges, and to report separately thereon to the commission at the end of twelve and twenty-four months, respectively."

After stating the exceptions, the decision proceeds: "In our original report we declined to allow increased rates in Central Freight Association territory on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On further consideration, in the light of existing situation these rates may be increased throughout official classification territory under the limitations herein set forth.

"Joint rates between official classification territory on the one hand, and southeastern territory, the southwest and points on or east of the Missouri river on the other, may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent. of the division of the rates accruing to the carriers in official classification territory. If these increases involve a change in the relationship under the long and short haul rule between intermediate points and more distant points outside of official classification territory relief from the fourth section of the act must first be secured on regular application.

"Interstate rates to and from New England from and to points in trunk line or Central Freight Association territory, where necessary to preserve established relationships between points or ports in trunk line territory, may be increased, not to exceed 5 per cent.

"Subject to the maintenance of the established Atlantic port differentials, rates to and from New York may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent., and rates to and from Portland, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore may be increased to the extent necessary to maintain said differentials.

"Except as otherwise above specified rates in official classification territory may be increased by not more than 5 per cent.; but rates increased since July 29, 1914, may not now be again increased so as to exceed those then in effect by an aggregate of more than 5 per cent. of the intraterritorial rate, or of the portion or division of the inter-territorial rate accruing to the road or roads in official classification territory, as the case may be.

"In some instances and in part because of the pendency of this proceeding, we have recently suspended proposed increased rates in this territory. Carriers may, if they so elect, now cancel such tariffs so suspended and file in lieu thereof tariffs which conform to the limitations above specified. If that is done such suspension will be vacated.

"To the extent above indicated we now modify our previous finding, and carriers affected may file, effective on not less than 10 days notice, such tariffs as do not offend against the restrictions above stated."

The exceptions from the proposed increase of rates are stated in the decision as follows: 1. Rail-lake-and-rate, lake and rail and lake rates. 2. Rates on bituminous coal and coke. 3. Rates on anthracite coal and iron ore. 4. Rates held by unexpired orders of the commission.

\$1,000,000 Estate Sold. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—An estate of more than \$1,000,000 is disposed of by the will of Richard A. Canfield, the gambler, who died December 11. The will admitted to probate today names a residuary legatee the widow, Mrs. Genevieve W. Canfield; a son, Howard, and a daughter, Mrs. Grace Martin Hannon.

Indicted on Murder Charge. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Two brothers, Joseph and Jacob Cohen, poultrymen, were indicted today by the grand jury investigating the murder of Barnett Ball, a wholesale poultry dealer who was shot dead in the street three weeks ago by men who escaped in an automobile. The charge against them was assault in the first degree.

WANTS \$500,000 BOND ISSUE FOR HIGHWAYS

FARMER WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANDERSON COUNTY VOTE THIS NOW

GOOD RESULTS WOULD FOLLOW

Permanent Highways Would Be Established and Work Given Unemployed.

"I believe that now is the time to take up immediately the question of a bond issue for a system of public highways in Anderson County. The legislature meets next month and we could get a bill passed there easily giving the county the right to issue bonds in the sum of from \$400,000 to \$500,000, redeemable in 40 years, at 4 1/2 per cent. interest, and hold the election late in February or in March and have the work well underway by April or May," said a prominent farmer of the county yesterday.

"Sinking"—By Wireless Tells Fate of Vessel

(By Associated Press.) SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 18.—"Sinking," a laconic wireless message received here soon after 10 o'clock tonight told the fate of the American-Hawaiian steamer Isthmian, bound for New York with a million dollar cargo of fruits and wines.

The Isthmian tore open her bow on San Benito Island, 300 miles south of here early today, by running on a rock. The cruiser West Virginia, the destroyer Perry and the naval tug Iroquois were conveying her to port.

Granted Permission to Return. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Permission has been granted by the state department to about 500 German women and children, stranded as war refugees at Shanghai, China, to pass through the United States on their way back to Germany.

WAR OF WORDS IN THE HOUSE

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bring it before the meeting, and enclosing a copy of my speech. In the South, particularly North Carolina, several of them did not approve of it."

"How many of these letters did you write?" "I do not know, I gave it to one of these publicity fellows."

"What organizations did you employ for that purpose?" persisted Mr. Gray.

"Do you mean to say 'Am I in alliance with the manufacturers of material?' I am paying every cent myself."

"Didn't you write letters to those organizations asking them to write to their senators and congressmen?" "Do you assert that I did?" shouted Mr. Gardner.

"I don't assert anything," replied Mr. Gray.

Mr. Gardner read a newspaper article which said it was intimated at the White House that the movement came from people allied with producers of war materials.

"Now," he said, "I am tired of this kind of talk. If any admiral or general tells the country what you need and ought to get, you say 'You—d—rascal, you are trying to raise your standing by advocating this thing? Then if any private citizen gets up they say, 'You are bought by the man who has material for sale.' If any congressman gets up you say, 'That is politics.' I'm tired of it. Get up, Mr. Gray, and prove your facts."

"I have nothing further to say," replied Mr. Gray.

"Then," said Mr. Gardner, "I am through, unless there is somebody who has something to say." Representative Gardner read a long statement in support of his proposal for investigation of the national defenses by a special commission, earlier in the session.

"I am here to ask you to appropriate for the full number of new ships recommended by the general naval board for this year's construction," he said.

"I am sorry to say," continued Mr. Gardner, "that Secretary Daniels in his recommendations to congress had cut the naval board's building program for this year almost exactly in two."

"If you gentlemen had permitted me to present as witnesses a few recently retired officers, in a single day the country would have learned of our demoralized policy of building warships for 'cold storage.' Out of thirty completed battleships, do you know that twelve of them are unavailable without a long delay on account of our refusal to pay the bills for manning them?"

"If we had gone to war with the rest of the first class powers early in August, do you realize that no less than nine of our battleships would not have been ready to fight? We have 15 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 18 torpedo boats, five submarines, and perhaps a dozen miscellaneous fighting ships kept in 'cold storage' with the battleships. Eighty fighting vessels of our modest navy are not available for battle in an emergency."

"I charge that our navy is 38,000 men short and a further shortage of 40,000 men is in sight. The general board which has actually made our war plans estimates the enlisted force of the navy at between 50,000 and 60,000 men short for war. If any

Advertisement for B.D. Evans & Co. offering holiday gifts, featuring a list of items like 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Midnight Riding of Paul Revere'.

Advertisement for Paramount Theatre listing children's and regular programs, including 'The Mystery of Sevenhearts' and 'Hearst-Selig News Victoria No. 69'.

Large advertisement for Oneida Community Silverware, featuring images of kitchen sets, safety crackers, and pop guns, with the slogan 'A few items from our stock that may solve your Christmas problem--'.