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## TRADE WITH MEXICO IS NOT SO SMALL AS MANY BELIEVE

Mexico City, Sept. 20.—Despite conditions popularly regarded in the United States as uninviting to American trade expansion here, business between that country and Mexico shows a decided upward trend. During the fiscal year just closed imports and exports between the two republics amounted to more than 531,000,000 pesos, according to figures given the Associated Press by W. F. Saunders, secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City.

Of this amount 376,000,000 pesos represent exports from Mexico and 164,000,000 pesos represents imports. Previous to the current fiscal year, the banner period of Mexican-United States business was in 1911 when 102,000,000 pesos worth of goods were exported from Mexico and 146,000,000 pesos worth were imported.

"Deducting amounts representing petroleum exportations which are not considered in the ordinary run of commercial business, and for increased values of goods, these figures indicate clearly that trade is increasing," said Mr. Saunders. "Mexico will spend more than \$150,000,000 in the United States during the year 1919, with imports of hardware, machinery, drugs and dry goods leading all others. During the month of August we received more than 700 letters from firms who intimated intentions of establishing branches here.

"The end of the war has brought sharp competition for Mexican business. It is interesting to note in this connection that sentiment is giving way to sound business in dealings with the Germans. It will be remembered that during the war a referendum vote of chamber of commerce members favored a commercial boycott of Germany after the war. This has been forgotten here and German firms, who are conceded to have the firmest hold on the hardware business in the republic, are buying practically all of their supplies from American dealers. Japanese competition is negligible."

A strenuous effort is being made to stabilize transportation conditions which present the most serious obstacles to trading. Congestion of freight at Nuevo Laredo for transmission to Mexico City still exists but within the past few weeks arrangements have been made by three concerns here for the operation of "special freights" between the two points. A new steamship line between Vera Cruz and New Orleans will also open for business next month.

## WINTHROP ADMITS BIG STUDENT BODY

Eleven Hundred and Fifty Girls Enrolled. Classes Began Last Thursday.

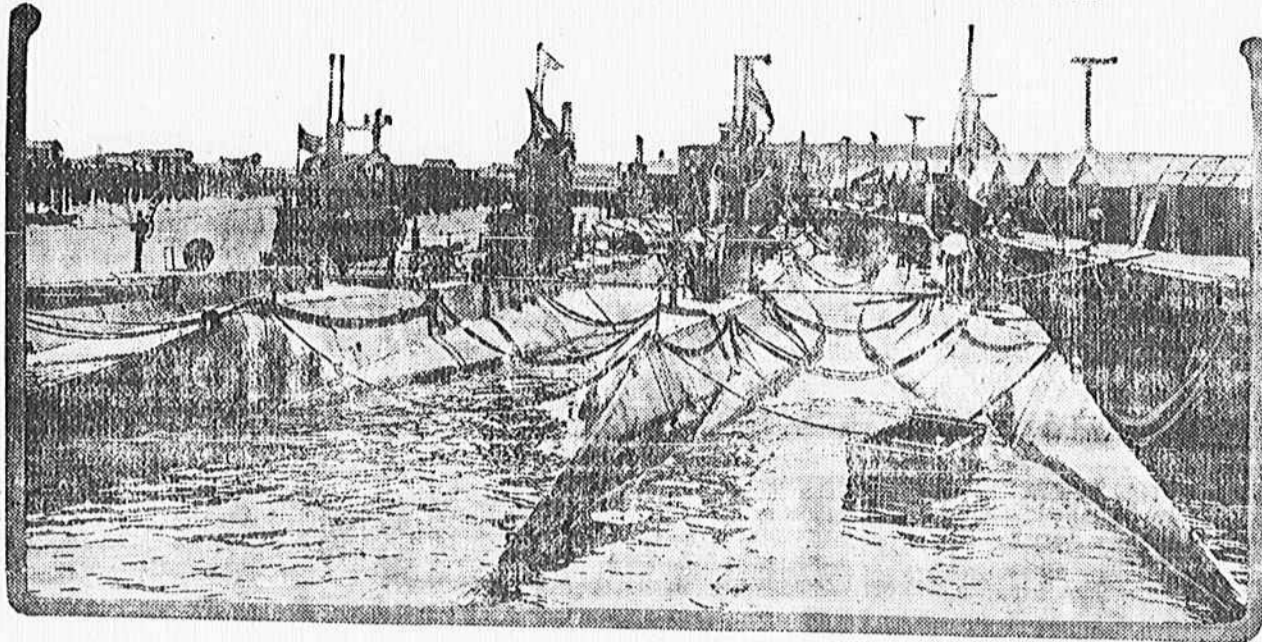
Rock Hill, Sept. 18.—The student body has reassembled at Winthrop College and the activities of another session have begun. The faculty returned for its first meeting at noon on Thursday, September 11, and on the morning of the 12th 500 freshmen reported at chapel in order that their classification and enrollment might be completed before old students began to arrive. Tuesday's trains brought in these old students by the hundred.

There were 1,107 applications for entrance to the college this session, but only 1,150 have been admitted. As only one wing of the new dormitory has been completed to accommodate the increased numbers, there is still considerable crowding in the dormitories. It will be recalled that the increased cost of construction since the appropriation by the State was made for the new dormitory has prevented its completion.

At the ringing of the college bell this morning the auditorium was soon filled, there being vacant chairs only in the gallery.

Dr. D. B. Johnson, president, requested that the new students be given seats of honor in the front for this meeting. He then read the 23rd Psalm and announced the hymn "Coronation", which was sung with a great deal of spirit, after which the Rev. Guy H. Fraser of the Episcopal church offered prayer. This was followed by a beautiful vocal selection, "Yesterday and Today," by Miss Haury of the department of music. President Johnson then addressed the student body extending words of welcome and giving wise counsel.

## AMERICAN SUBMARINES BACK FROM WAR ZONE



Four of America's latest type submarines which have seen 24 months of active service in the war zone have returned and are here shown anchored in the navy yard at Norfolk, Va.

In his remarks Dr. Johnson urged that the opportunity of securing a college training be recognized as a great and precious privilege, that the students begin at once, today, to do the work of their college courses to the very best of their ability. He reminded them further that whatever their good intentions and resolutions they could hardly hope to carry them out and live the lives they should without divine help. He advised them to connect themselves with the Y. W. C. A. for mutual help in Christian living.

At the close of Dr. Johnson's address, he called on the Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., of the Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church to speak as a representative of the city churches. Dr. Martin extended a cordial welcome to the students to attend services in any and all the churches. He urged that they take part in the church life and expressed his gratitude for the part they had taken heretofore in the work of his Sunday school and church. He commended the student body for its ever dignified bearing and reverential attention in Church, saying that in the 12 years of his pastorate he had never seen any conduct that he could criticize unfavorably.

At this juncture the visitors withdrew, and after singing community songs, the work of classification and enrollment proceeded. Friday regular class work will begin.

## VAUGHN'S ESCAPE IS INVESTIGATED

Prisoner Displayed Great Ingenuity in Getting Away. May Prove Scully. Investigation made at Martin's Request.

Columbia, Sept. 17.—The office of the attorney general today made an investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the escape of T. U. Vaughn from the state hospital for the insane with a view of showing his sanity. The investigation was made at the request of Solicitor Martin. Morris C. Lumpkin, assistant attorney general, who made the investigation, called attention to the ingenuity exhibited by the patient in making his escape, but would add no further comment.

A report was forwarded to Solicitor Martin. Mr. Lumpkin was positive in his utterances that no possible blame could be attached to hospital authorities, as every precaution to guard against such an eventuality had been observed.



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