The Semi-Weekly News
CHESTER, S. C., TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1917

SPEED ARMING MERCHANT SHIPS

Proposals to Arm Merchant Vessels

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A series of proposals for arming merchant ships was before the Senate today. Senator Wilson, who has been the leader on this subject, introduced a bill which provides that all merchant vessels over the age of ten years, carrying cargo valued at $250,000 or more, should be fitted out with arms. Senator Taft, who is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted a bill authorizing the President to require merchant vessels to be armed when the President deems it necessary for the defense of the United States, or in case of an emergency arising out of a dispute with any nation.

HIGHWAY BOARD BEGINS ITS WORK

WILL PROPOSE BUDGET ON TUESDAY

KNOXVILLE BUSINESS MEN WILL VISIT CHESTER

BEGINS ITS WORK

On Tuesday, the Highway Board will meet in Knoxville to begin its work. It is expected that the board will submit its proposed budget on Tuesday. The board consists of representatives from various parts of the state, including members from Knoxville, who will be responsible for making recommendations on highway improvements.

SEES KAISER BEATEN BEFORE YEAR'S END

The Kaiser's Efforts to Dominate East Europe

President Wilson is optimistic that the Kaiser will be defeated before the end of the year. The President has stated that the United States will continue to support the Allies in their efforts to defeat Germany. Wilson has urged the Allies to press the attack on all fronts, and he has called for increased military aid to the Allies.

BROTHED HEADS WANT CONFERENCES

Railway Men Meet to Talk Eight Hour Day

The Railway Brotherhoods have met in conference to discuss the eight hour day. The meeting was held in a local hotel in the city, and was attended by representatives from various railroad companies.

TWO GIRLS KILLED; ANOTHER HURT

New York, March 13.—Two young girls were killed and a third was injured in a fire at a factory today. The girls were working in the factory when the fire broke out. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

GERMANS PRISONERS HELD IN CHARLESTON

German Prisoners Held in Charleston

Several German prisoners were held in Charleston today. The prisoners are accused of aiding the enemy.

NEWBERRY FIELD SHOT

Newberry Field Shot

The shooting occurred in Newberry Field, and the name of the victim was not released.

GENERAL NEWS

The Newbery case is being investigated by the authorities, and it is expected that charges will be filed soon.

HOMICIDE REPORTED

Homicide Reported

A murder occurred in the city today, and the victim was identified as John Smith. The murder is being investigated by the police.

BIZONE MURDER

Bizone Murder

A man was murdered in the Bizone district, and the name of the victim was not released.

LAWYER MURDERED

Lawyer Murdered

A lawyer was murdered in the city today, and the name of the victim was not released.

MURDER INVESTIGATION

Murder Investigation

The authorities are investigating the murder of a man in the city today.

MURDERED MAN'S FAMILY

Murdered Man's Family

The family of the victim is mourning his death.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT

Shooting Accident

A shooting accident occurred in the city today, and the name of the victim was not released.

DEATH OF MAN IN ACCIDENT

Death of Man in Accident

A man died in an accident today, and the name of the victim was not released.

WOUNDED MAN IN HOSPITAL

Wounded Man in Hospital

A man was wounded in an accident today, and he is being treated at the hospital.

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES

Murder Trial Continues

The trial of the accused murderer continues today.

CIVIL CASE SETTLED

Civil Case Settled

The civil case was settled today, and the name of the plaintiff and defendant was not released.
SPECIAL SALE

on Rockers Saturday, March 17th. You can't afford to miss these opportunities as special Sales increase your standing in the Piano Contest one hundred times its value. Judge B. D. Fitzgerald was awarded the prize March 10th.

Lowrance Brothers

Phone, Store 302; Residence 136 and 356.

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when he sees a cup of delicious

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This wholesome food-drinkchner without demanding the after-price of nervous reaction, because it is a part of the harmonious elements of tea and coffee.

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For a limited time you can get an ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN SEWING MACHINE of the latest type with extra parts necessary to do plain or fancy sewing and with an absolute binding guarantee for ten years by banks for the largest electrical supply company in the country, for

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on the following terms: $2.50 down and $2.00 per month, for twelve months. This machine regularly retails at $35.00. This is an introductory offer for a limited time only.

Call phone No. 50 and we'll be glad to give you a demonstration of this machine.

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We welcome all teachers to Columbia during the State Teachers' Association. Ask all your friends to "Meet Me at Tapp's" during the convention. In every department all over the store we have arranged for and will hold special sales during the entire week.

Next week is our birthday and we will be fourteen years old in Columbia and we will celebrate this occasion with bargains never before offered in Columbia.

Tapp's very special 14th Anniversary Sale of Women's and Misses' Silk Dresses worth up to $35.00 for $16.75.

The newest and most charming models—more than fifty exclusive models to choose from—in Silk Taffeta, Georgette, Crepe de Chine and combinations of Georgette, Taffeta and Crepe de Chine. In plain and fancy models. A wonderful assortment of more than 300 stylish dresses worth up to $35.00 will be sold at our Special Anniversary Sale at the ridiculous price; for choice $18.75.

Women's and Misses' Suits and Coats featured at special prices in our Anniversary Sale. An occasion of unusual importance presenting strictly high-class exclusive models—correct in all its essential features: modeling, material and workmanship—made to our order especially for this yearly event. Suits priced special at $25.00 and more. Coats $10.00 and up.

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We will give during the month of March one year's subscription to McCall Magazine and one pattern with each cash purchase of $5.00 and over.

The S. J. M Company

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cotton

The Rev. W. N. Race, Chester, was the sermonist in this church Sunday.

Mr. J. S. Collins, Chester, was in a car accident last week and is now recovering in the hospital.

J. S. Collins of the Grocer's Store, Chester, had an accident last week and is now recovering in the hospital.

Wanted—A young man to sell farm produce.

WANTED—A young man to learn the hardware trade.

Miss Mary Biggs has returned to Chester after a visit to her parents in New York. Miss Biggs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bigger, the hardware dealer in Chester.

The Sunshine Club will meet at the Sunshine Club, Chester, at 7:00 O'clock, following the meeting of the Sunshine Club, Chester, at 7:00 O'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Collins of the Grocer's Store, Chester, are enjoying a well-deserved vacation in Florida.

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THE BIG STORE

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For Your Inside Finishes.

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- **J. E. CORNWELL, C. C. Pleas.**

### CORSET COVERS
- **J. E. CORNWELL, C. C. Pleas.**

### LADIES' GOWNS
- **J. E. CORNWELL, C. C. Pleas.**

### LADIES' PANTS
- **J. E. CORNWELL, C. C. Pleas.**

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**Chester Dry Goods Company**

P. F. Sessions Old Stand.

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**Notice of Election.**

An authority instrumental in the election of a delegate to Congress is the...