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## LIBAU, RUSSIA, VISITED ON CRUISE OF U. S. S. FREDERICK

(By J. Roy Parker)

Libau, Latvia, Russia, which was visited by the U. S. S. Frederick, is a city of about 75,000, that is, prior to the war, but which has been materially reduced since the war. Our ship reached the outer harbor of this city, which is located on the Baltic Sea, on Tuesday morning, September 14, after a three day trip from Antwerp, Belgium, a trip which took us through that famous and comparatively new work of construction—the Kell Canal—better known to the native Germans as the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal; and thence one day's trip up the Baltic Sea. The weather was of the December variety, although it was in the month of September; and the Navy woolen blankets were a welcome addition at night; while overcoats constituted a part of the attire when going ashore.

It was probably four o'clock in the morning when we weighed anchor, about a quarter of a mile from the dock at Libau. Just off our port side lay the U. S. S. Pittsburgh, to whose aid we had been summoned, after she had run aground and was fast filling with water. On the first afternoon at Libau only the officers to go ashore. On Wednesday half of the crew went ashore in Libau. I was among that number who spent the afternoon in the city. Before we had left the ship, the Commander had issued strict instructions that no one was to eat any food while ashore, nor were they to imbibe the Russian Vodka, wines or beers.

When we had reached the town and had taken our first casual glimpse of the surroundings and the motley inhabitants, none of the party had the slightest desire to partake of the food or drink. Here are a few notes taken on the city of Libau and which were jotted down on the night after going ashore, and being a part of the abbreviated diary taken of each day's activities.

"Old, dilapidated place; practically every store having the appearance of some Hebrew joint in the slums of an American city. Little carts, that are drawn by large draft horses, wearing the proverbial Russian collars, were seen in all parts of the city. Saw one automobile during the entire afternoon, which appeared to be a worn out, torn down, Ford. Cobblestones everywhere and places of business run down to nothing. Old men and walking down the streets shoeless and sockless. Passed the central city market, out of which poured the poor, lowly inhabitants, bearing their fish and the half loaf of black bread. All stores displayed many kinds of trinkets made of amber, the articles thus displayed having been boosted in price upon the arrival of the American sailors. For every American dollar, one hundred and thirty five Russian dollars were exchanged. The Russian dollar is termed Ruble, and is made of common paper. Five dollars worth of Russian money requires a suit case in which to take it away."

Altogether the impression gained in one day's visit to this city was one of pity and disgust. Many of the inhabitants of the city admitted to the sailors that they departed among the many of them talked fluent English. Like the peoples of all other European countries, the Russians are given to drink, hilarity and "a good time" as it is interpreted in Europe. The beer gardens, cabarets, and houses of prostitution form a great part of the business of the larger towns and cities.

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## AHOSKIE TOBACCO WAREHOUSES MAY CLOSE

Owing to slow marketing by farmers the proprietors of the Ahoskie tobacco warehouses may be forced to close their doors within a few weeks. This statement is made in good faith and is substantially the substance of a conversation held with one of the proprietors of a warehouse here, who states that his warehouse has been steadily losing money on every day's sale, owing to the small amount of tobacco brought here for sale since the current season began. The operating expense of the warehouse, according to this warehouseman, exceeds the daily commissions that go to the management. Under these circumstances there is nothing to do but devise some means to induce the tobacco growers to bring their product to the market or else the warehouses for the season.

The warehousemen are loathe to close their doors, however, as they realize that a large amount of the tobacco is still in the county, not marketed. The problem seems to be to get the tobacco to the market. Many farmers have, no doubt, been holding off, in order to harvest their other crops; and some according to this warehouseman, were waiting until "after the election," hoping that prices would get better and higher. But, since the election has come and gone and cotton and peanuts having been mostly harvested, there is no apparent reason for the farmer not bringing his tobacco to market.

Those familiar with the market conditions on the larger markets of the State, after watching the local sales, say that it cannot be on account of the lower prices paid here; for they assert that the prices paid on the local market are as good, if not better, than the average of the larger and older markets. Only this week an experienced tobacco man of one of the largest markets in the State followed a sale here and stated that the average was better than any sale he had seen on his home town floor. In fact, the warehousemen say that they have had no kicks on the prices given on their floors. And, that is one fact that confounds them in attempting to arrive at some sort of conclusion as to the real reason for not having more tobacco here. The Kentucky markets will soon be opening, and both the warehousemen and buyers will be needed there where is the largest volume of business, hence the grave danger of the Ahoskie market closing up shop.

Warehousemen here state in equally strong terms, however, that they have no intention of closing, if they have assurances that the tobacco will soon be marketed by the farmers; and that is what they want to hear.

## TRINITY NEWS SERVICE

The committee in charge of the annual interscholastic declamation contest to be held at Trinity College, Durham, on Friday, November 26th, is making a special effort to see that county high schools are represented at least one man in the contest. The committee has mailed letters to the principals of the high schools of the county, urging that their schools be represented at the event.

The custom of an annual declamation contest at Trinity, in which representatives of various high schools in North and South Carolina and Virginia would compete, originated with the 9019 society, a scholarship and patriotic organization at the college, in 1910. The event grew in favor during the years, but it was found necessary to abandon it during the war. Last year it was resumed with much success. The interest this year is expected to break all records.

The preliminaries will be held Friday, November 26th, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. From the number taking part in the preliminaries, ten will be selected from the finals to be held that evening. The winner in the finals will be presented with an attractive gold medal given by the 9019.

The young men taking part in the contest will incur no expense while at the college. They will be the guest of the society which arranges the event. A trip through the manufacturing plants of Durham, followed by a bank quiet, are features of entertainment now being considered for them.

## NATIVE OF HERTFORD COUNTY DIES IN CHINA

Hon. Thomas R. Jernigan, a native of Harrellsville, Hertford County, died in China, Monday, November 1st. Mr. Jernigan has made his home in Shanghai, China, for many years, having been given a diplomatic post there by President Cleveland in 1893. The deceased was a newspaper man of note and a legal adviser of ability.

He is survived by his wife, who lives at the old home at Harrellsville, and four children: Paul Jernigan of Shanghai, China, Roberts H. Jernigan, of Ahoskie, Starkey Jernigan, of Harrellsville, and Mrs. Stanley Winbourne, of Murfreesboro. The former Mr. Paul Jernigan, is now enroute to China, after having spent some time in America as the guest of his relatives. He sailed a few weeks ago for China, and had not had time to reach there before the death of his father.

Mr. Jernigan was an influential Democrat, and in his younger days, while still residing in this country he worked hard for the success of his party, his services being recognized by President Cleveland, who appointed him as Consul to Kobe, Japan. Following the first term of Cleveland, he returned to this country; and was again appointed to a diplomatic post during Cleveland's second administration. This time he was given the post of Consul-General at Shanghai.

When Mr. McKinley was elected President, Mr. Jernigan lost his post as Consul-General, but had become attached to the Far East, and decided to cast his lot there. He began the practice of law there, and soon became one of the leading members of the bar in that great city. He was appointed legal adviser to the Chinese Government, and also received an appointment as agent for the Hague Tribunal in China.

Many years before his death, Mr. Jernigan had become a regular contributor to Millard's Review, one of the most influential and widely circulated journals of the Far East. He had commanded a good working knowledge of the Chinese language, and in his works in the Review, he treated some of the larger problems affecting the Chinese Government and his findings were regarded as authentic. In addition to his work as journalist, Mr. Jernigan was the author of several books, which are regarded as intelligent and comprehensive studies of the several subjects treated.

Before entering upon his duties in Shanghai, in 1893, Mr. Jernigan had been associated with newspapers in Raleigh. He purchased the Daily Chronicle from Josephus Daniels in 1892 and in 1893 sold the same paper to Mr. Daniels and his associates, it being merged with the News & Observer. It was this year that Mr. Jernigan received his appointment to Shanghai.

Mr. Jernigan's body was laid to rest in his adopted home at Shanghai, China.

## MORAL—DON'T BORROW

(The following article has appeared in the Herald once before, but one of our patrons a few days ago handed it to the editor, who, on account of its peculiar adaptability to the local situation, herewith republishes it, hoping that some of the habitual borrowers may thoroughly digest its moral.)

A man who was too stingy to subscribe to his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His father ran to assist him, and falling to notice that barbed wire fence ran into that, cutting a hole in his anatomy and ruining a five dollar pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn full of cream into a basket of little chicks, drowning the entire hatch. In her haste she dropped a \$35 set of false teeth. The baby, having been left alone, crawled thru the milk into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$25 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog also broke up 11 setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails of four fine new shirts off the clothes line.

## ROANOKE CHOWAN CLUB ORGANIZED AT N. C. STATE

On Tuesday evening, October 26th., it was announced that the boys from Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties would meet to organize a club. Naturally all our fellows were interested and at the meeting a large majority were there. It was as good a representative group of college boys as ever "Clubbed a Club." There were, bald headed Freshmen, barber Sophomores, fussy Juniors, and dignified seniors.

It was unanimously voted that this should be the best club yet. On the program we are arranging for frequent banquets, entertainments and the like. It was real fun to meet with the strangers almost from our own neighborhood. The counties were represented as follows: Bertie, Obed Castelleo, Roy Hollowell, G. B. Cherry, J. P. Tayloe, Thos. A. White, G. S. Norfleet, R. C. Baggett, H. C. Pritchard, O. T. Gilcott, G. T. Parker, Wm. Edwards, Maltham Joyner, and Robert Brown; Northampton, Bruce H. Connor, R. E. Vick, C. B. Revelle, C. C. Parker, R. E. Dunning, M. R. Stephenson, E. W. Harris and P. T. Long; Hertford County, J. D. Sykes, J. U. Holloman and W. H. Jones.

The following officers were elected: for President, G. B. Cherry, vice president, J. P. Tayloe, Secretary, Bruce H. Connor, Treasurer, J. D. Sykes, reporter, Thomas A. White.—Reported

## WHITE HOUSE LAWN WILL BE SHEEPLESS

Mrs. Warren G. Harding is already laying her plans for running the White House when she becomes its mistress.

"There are two things I am going to insist on" she said. "I don't want to have any policemen at the White House gates and there'll be no sheep on the White House Lawn."

"The White House gates are to be open all the time to anybody who wants to come in."

Mrs. Harding made these observations in a humorous view to a group of newspaper men in the front yard. Some one had recalled the incident of Mrs. Harding being chased away from the front of the White House by a policeman a couple of years ago.

Mrs. Harding had just been shopping up town and came up to a little knot of reporters standing in the front yard.

"I've been too busy campaigning to buy any clothes this summer," she said, looking apologetically at the dress she has been wearing several months, "but you just watch me now."

Chaperones of by-gone days would be to severe policing for the young girl. There is such a thing as being too strict, but most parents today are not headed in that direction. Girls in their early teens enjoy an excess of freedom not good for them. The present laxness is as ridiculous as a hidebound system of chaperonage. A decade ago boys could not get away with some of the escapades many girls go through without creating much excitement.

## Sewer Ditch Caves In Two Places

The ditch which was made the day before by the ditcher of the McCrary Company who are putting in Ahoskie's sewer system, caved in, filling the newly made ditch with new dirt, last Saturday afternoon, in front of the Manhattan Hotel. Two different places gave way, and in filling up the ditch narrowly missed covering up some of the workmen who had just a few minutes prior to this time ceased work and crawled out of the identical spot which caved in.

The digging of the ditch and laying of pipes for the sewer system is moving steadily along, and with favorable weather will continue to make good progress. The depth of the pipe laid for the past two weeks has been greater than at any other point in town, being the two blocks on Main Street, just West of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad crossing.

There are several subscribers upon our lists that are in arrears. That you may continue to receive the Herald, we suggest a prompt renewal.

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## NOTED LAND CASE IS SETTLED BY SUPREME COURT

The North Carolina Supreme Court last week handed down a decision in the local case of Hoggard against Mitchell, confirming the findings of the Hertford County Superior Court. The county court has twice in three years decided the case in favor of the plaintiff, C. C. Hoggard. The first time, Dr. J. H. Mitchell, defendant, was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court, upon the discovery of new evidence. The second trial resulted in the same verdict by the county court, and, upon appeal to the higher court by the defendant, the Supreme Court upheld the lower tribunal.

This case has been the center of interest in Ahoskie for almost five years, and there is a feeling of relief prevalent hereabouts since the case has been settled. The controversy at issue arose over the so-called "No Man's Land" in the heart of town, lying near the railroad depot. The land in question formerly belonged to Dr. Mitchell, who a few years ago asserted his former title to the land. C. C. Hoggard contested his right to the land, and the courts found that Dr. Mitchell had no right to enclose the land, on account of representations made to Hoggard at the time the latter purchased a site from Dr. Mitchell many years ago, and secondly the courts asserted that the property was public property, having for many years been habitually used as a public square, street, and thoroughfare.

## OCTOBER STATE HEALTH BULLETIN A GREAT PIECE OF WORK

This bulletin, boosting preventable disease, is a great piece of work in which the Bureau of Epidemiology has given to the public this month and it is worthy of even wider circulation than the Bulletin normally has. It shows what the Bureau is accomplishing and further what it can accomplish with the co-operation of the people. It denies responsibility for the 427 deaths from typhoid and the 242 from diphtheria and invites the State to avail itself of the easy means at the lowest possible cost of prevention by getting the serum used in the assaults upon these diseases from the State Board of Health.

One very excellent feature of this bulletin is the short, crisp sentences which it carries at the top and bottom of each page. These sentences express the thought that is found in lots of long articles. Each one has a "health truth," and if one has only three minutes to spare it will return great gain to him by reading these if no article at all is looked at. This feature makes the bulletin very unusual.

"While the health bulletin is not a classic" stated Dr. J. S. Mitchiner, who edits the October bulletin. "It is a fundamental and an essential." Upon request copies will be sent to each county superintendent of schools to be used as a "traveling library" for the schools. Its use will make an excellent practical lesson and will likely save lives and prevent epidemics.

## WHAT TO DO FOR MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH

The State Board of Health does not pretend to have found any specific for measles and whooping cough, which kills so many babies. It does know, as shown in the October Health Bulletin, how to make less likely deaths from these diseases.

The first thing is to avoid these diseases. If measles is abroad in the community the order is to keep the child away from it. If the child gets it the thing to do is to send the victim to bed and keep him there. By careful treatment there will be no dangerous aftermath which really makes measles highly fatal.

Whooping cough does its worst in youth. The baby under one year stands one chance in eight of dying; from one to five is 1 in every 10; from two to three the rate is 1 in every 30; from three to four it is 1 in every 50 and from four to five, one in 200 die. The application is inevitable.

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## MANY SCHOOLS TO ENTER DEBATING CONTEST AT U. N. C.

The ninth annual state wide debate of the high school debating union of North Carolina will center its fight this year around the question "Resolved, That the policy of the closed shop should prevail in America industry," according to an announcement made here today by E. R. Rankin, Secretary of the central committee.

Last year 250 high schools were entered in the contest and Secretary Rankin estimates that 30,000 people heard the debates. It was won by Asheville and previous inners have been Durham, Wilson, Waynesville, Graham, Wilson, Winston-Salem and Pleasant Garden.

As usual the school entering the contest will be divided in triangles for the first round and the winners will come to Chapel Hill for the further elimination rounds and the final championship debate for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The triangular debates will be held throughout the State late in March and the final contest in Chapel Hill early in April.

President H. W. Chase has announced that the University has received from Lawrence S. Holt, Jr., of Burlington the gift of \$10,000 to be used to help provide an education for students who would be unable otherwise to go to the University. The principal of the gift will be used as a loan fund for needy and other students and the income will be made into four scholarships to go to that member man or woman of the freshman sophomore, junior and senior classes who shall be deemed most worthy, needy and deserving. President Chase pointed out the double effect of the gift which establishes a loan fund and provides the scholarships at the same time. "It is a generously conceived and splendidly planned gift" he said "and so far as I know is unique in its multiplied results. The committee administering the gift will be the President, the business manager, Charles T. Woolen and Professor M. C. Noble.

## Colerain News

Mr. Overton of Ahoskie was in our town last Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Askew of Windsor was in town last Tuesday and Wednesday, looking over peanuts.

Last Tuesday, election day, was indeed quiet here. Some few of our women voted.

Mr. Banks of Windsor, who travels for the Virginian-Pilot, was in town last Wednesday.

Mr. Jim Eley of Ahoskie was here last Wednesday.

Mr. C. B. Morris made a business trip to Windsor last Thursday.

Mr. Hubert Askew and Mrs. Martha Askew went to Windsor last Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Beasley spent last Thursday in town.

Dr. Nowell went to Suffolk last Friday to take a patient to the Lakeview Hospital.

Mr. H. S. Basnight of Ahoskie was in town last Friday.

Mr. Lennie Deans and family of Whaleyville, Va., spent last week at the home of Mr. J. P. Deans.

Rev. Lineberry filled his regular appointments here last Sunday morning and night.

A large number of our people attended the burial of Mr. J. C. Britton at his old home place last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lass Nowell, who is attending school at Wake Forest, came home on last Sunday to attend the burial of his grandfather, J. C. Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields of Merry Hill were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. G. M. Holly, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Britton spent last Sunday in Powellsville.

Miss Lizzie Brinkley spent the past week end at Chowan College.