

THIS IS THE MONTH OF FIRES, USE CAUTION, and INCREASE YOUR INSURANCE.

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

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WASHINGTON HOLDS GERMANS HAD NO RIGHT TO SINK WILLIAM P. FRYE

Unless German Government Offers Reparation at Once, Such Will Be Requested by United States—"The Quarter Deck Courts" Are Not Recognized—There Was No Proof of Contraband on Vessel, and If There Had Been, a Prize Court Was the Proper Authority to Adjudicate; Cruiser Had No Right to Place the Lives of American Crew in Jeopardy, While Roving the Sea and Preying on Commerce, with Risk of Battle, It Is Further Pointed Out; Berlin May Be Asked to Court Martial Thierichens, Though His Vessel May Be Allowed to Leave Newport News.

CAP. OF EITEL FRIEDRICH SAYS HE WILL NOT INTERN SHIP

If Washington Will Not Give Time for Repairs, He Expects to Take His Chance of Getting Away—Maybe The Captain Has Another Thought Due—In View of Sinking of the Namesake of the Famous Maine Senator, the Feds Up at the Big Dome May Consider Herr Thierichens Has "Got in Dutch" and May Be Constrained upon to Hang About for Some Time Yet; There May Be Someone Outside Looking for Trouble; British Crews, Released, Strike Up "Tipperary"; Crew of Frye Sign Sworn Statements; Thrilling Stories of Romantic Voyage Recounted.

CARRANZA ASKED TO MAKE GOOD HIS DENIAL OF REPORT

If Food Is Allowed to Go to Mexico City Then Open Up Railroad Lines—The Document He Got Easily Understood—Note from Washington Set Out in Unmistakable Terms That the Limit of Human Endurance Had Been Passed When a Man Like Obregon Set About to Starve Folks into Submission to His Decrees and Add to Their Misery by Threat to Abandon Them to the Mercy of Lawless Villains; Carranza Denies All This, Despite Numerous Reports of its Truth to the State Department at Washington.

GENERAL OREGON AND HUGER STILL HOLD MEXICO CITY

Mexican Firebrand Has Not Yet Evacuated, Say the Latest Reports—The American Note Has Had a Good Effect—So Wires the British Consul, Who Advises That Railway Line be Kept Open; Carranza Appears Yet to Be Dallying for Time Before Answering Demand, and Food Problem Has Not Been Alleviated; No More Warships Ordered to Vera Cruz, But Uncle Sam Has Fleet of Eighty Three Vessels Not Far Away, Villa Would Join Carranza Against Invasion.

JOHN E. HART IN JAIL.

Former Burlington Convicted of Libel.

Creedmoor, N. C., Mar. 7, Mr. John E. Hart, Oxford, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I wonder how you are feeling this cold day, with nothing to do, and some one to make you a fire, and bring you your soup. I had planned to come to see you today, but the weather has been bad, and I'm not well either. Hope to come tomorrow, I have thought often of you, and your family since Saturday, but you have tramped, and printed, long enough, you must stop and rest from your labor a while, and thy works will follow you. You have advertised for others, you are now advertising yourself.

But, you editors say advertising pays, but some times it is very costly. I hope your keepers are kind, and nice to you though it must seem sad, and lonely, to you on the first Sabbath day to be absent from home, church, and loved ones.

But, be of good cheer, Paul and Silas prayed, sang and rejoiced, while in your circumstances, and why not you?

While you are alone get the Bible, and read the thirty seventh Psalm, and I think you will find comfort and joy, of same. Your family are all well, everything getting on nicely. I hope to see you tomorrow.

Your friend,

Oxford, N. C., Mar. 9, 1915.

Dear Friend:

Your kind letter received, and, replying thereto, I wish to say that I find it a little difficult to adjust myself to my present environments, but ere the week closes I shall, I hope, become thoroughly adjusted to and reconciled with my present situation. Of course, I regret to have been snatched from my family, friends and my work, especially after having resumed work after a period of three months of enforced idleness; but twenty days are not long, except to those incarcerated.

Well, my keepers are not only kind and considerate, but big hearted actually affectionate. Sheriff Hobbgood and Conrad Walters are showing me every conceivable courtesy and consideration. Then, too, this town has many big-hearted and considerate men. Sunday morning Sheriff Hobbgood, Conrad Walters, D. C. Hunt and John W. Hester spent the morning with me. Dr. B. K. Hays gave me a big box of cigars Saturday. D. C. Hunt sent me dinner Sunday. Gen. Royster did likewise yesterday and I am informed that I am to have such treatment throughout my stay here. Now, of course, it helps the heart that my pride and self-respect has sustained to be thus remembered, for but few prisoners are so lucky; but I fear that with no exercise my digestion will be ruined.

Now, friend, give my love and good wishes to all friends in Southern Granville. Voltaire, when dying, is accredited with saying, "I die loving my friends, not hating my enemies, glorying in God and detesting hypocrisy." I am serving my prison term, not ever "detecting hypocrisy." My enemy is not satisfied with vindication, but has a vengeance to gratify. But that is his defect not mine: I am under the circumstances, quite happy.

Good bye,
JOHN E. HART.

(Mr. Hart's trouble was caused by two factions of Democrats and he and his paper espoused the cause of one

TRE LIFE OF CHRST.

Stereopticon Lectures During March at the Church of the Holy Comforter, with Lectures by Rev. John Benners Gibble.

During Lent, on every Monday night (8:00 o'clock) in March at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Rev. John Benners Gibble delivers a series of stereopticon lectures on the "Life of Christ from the Nativity to the Ascension," for five consecutive weeks, which are especially thrilling, entertaining and educational.

The slides are the most beautiful to be secured. Beginning on 1st inst., the subject was introduced with familiar maps before the Christian era, including the Roman Empire and views of the Holy Land depicting historic points.

The rich colorings brought out so vividly, copies from the famous masters, both old and modern, such as the "Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin," the "Magi," the "Shepherds," the "Manger," "Flight into Egypt," and many of the celebrated "Maddonnas."

This week's lecture portrayed His childhood, Baptism, learning the carpenter's trade, His first miracle, being tempted in the wilderness, thus incidentally bringing in John the Baptist, Nicodemus and a number as well-known as the River Jordan, picturesque views of mountains, cities and villages associated with Sacred history. Hoffman's "Christ Child" was most attractive. One picture, new to all was "The Shadow of the Cross," by Morris. This represents the Child Jesus standing not far from His mother with outstretched arms and the shadow making a perfect cross in front of them both.

For the congregation to join in the service, words are also thrown on the screen to the beautiful 23rd Psalm, and "Out of the Deep" as to appropriate hymns like "O Jesus, Take Me As I Stand," "In the Hour of Trial," "I need Thee," etc.

Teaching through the eye makes everything so simple to all and to the children this means so much in sowing good seed or in arousing interest in the study of our Blessed Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace. All is most spiritually refreshing, and is indeed an unusually rare privilege for the whole community.

The three remaining lectures will doubtless be equally as helpful, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all.

Elon College, N. C.

Mr. J. L. Scott, Chairman, Burlington, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am employing this means of urging the County Board of Education to consider most carefully the employment of a health officer for his entire term. Alamance is fast approaching the lead, but so long as she neglects this important factor, her progress will continue to be impeded. Such a progressive move would be of untold value to the citizens of Alamance—not only for this generation, but for the future. Realizing how much this is needed I again implore you "Think on this thing."

Sincerely,
MYRTLE NICHOLSON,
Principal Ossipee School.

faction, which caused Mr. Hart to be sued for libel; convicted and sentenced to twenty days in jail. We trust Mr. Hart will fair well and lose none of his former prestige. We must have a free press if we can't get a fair court.—Ed.)

MAY OFFER REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF MURDERER

Several Suspicious Characters Were Arrested Last Night But Not Held—Combing City for Criminal—Butt end of Billiard Cue Found Covered With Blood—Funeral Services of Dead Merchant Are Held Today.

Baffled on every hand and without clues that are sufficient to lead to the holding of any one person, the city police force continues to drag the city with slight hopes of detecting the murderer of Mr. Burkhead N. Mann, the Hayti merchant and resident of Trinity Heights, who was slain Monday night.

The officers brought into the police station last night a number of alleged vagrants and others suspicious of knowing something connected with the crime, but all efforts failed to give them the information they were seeking. Acting Chief of Police J. R. Pendergrast held an inquisition in the chief's office and did not allow any of those arrested to leave until he had satisfied him detective instincts that they knew nothing that would aid in the finding of the man wanted.

Today the entire police force continues its sweep among the criminal sections of the city. At intervals, rumors of clues are gathered, but they are soon swept away as being of no real value.

THREE FIRES YESTERDAY.

Burlington Fire Department yesterday made another record for the number of hurry calls which were made upon it—three in one day. The boys and wagons answered each one promptly and in each case soon had the blaze under control.

At 9:30 a. m. they were called to Mrs. Shoffner's residence on Cameron street, where a spark had set the roof on fire near the kitchen stove. There was practically no damage done.

At 10:19 a. m. they were called to W. E. Hay's house on Tarpley street, occupied by Mrs. Moser, where a small blaze was burning on the roof. The damage in this case was only about \$5.

At 11:55 a. m. they were called to a big pile of stabs from piles and trestles, on the side of the railroad near the Old Shops on Tarpley street. The piles had been coated with creosote and in some manner fire got into the lot, which contained about three or four carloads, and they burned very rapidly. The company had the fire under control in about ten minutes with practically no damage to the timber.

In each case yesterday the alarm was turned in and sounded correctly, for which the firemen are thankful.

DAVIS GETS VERDICT FOR \$5,000.

Raleigh, Mar. 11.—William S. Davis, boy of 18 years, was awarded a verdict of \$5,000 this evening against the Southern Railway for loss of a leg four years ago.

Davis, then 14, said he was standing on the Southern track above Baylan Avenue bridge, when a double-headed freight came by. His story was that the train was running so fast the suction caught him and pulled him under, the wheels cutting off his leg. The jury thought the story worth a fifth of the amount of complaint.

We do not believe all the people who ask questions of the editor are really interested in knowing the answer. They just want to find out if the editor knows, and of course he will never admit that he doesn't.

NEW HEAD FOR PIEDMONT TRUST CO.

Mr. W. J. Graham Made New Head of Burlington Big Financial Institution—Affairs Are in Good Shape—Increased Capital Stock Nearly Sold and Prospects Look Good for the Near Future.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Piedmont Trust Company, Mr. W. J. Graham, of this county, was elected president of the company in place of Mr. Murray, who met such a tragic death last January. This news will be hailed with pleasure by the friends of the company, for Mr. Graham is recognized throughout this section as a progressive business man, and successful farmer. His election to the head of the company will add prestige to the already popular institution, and give a feeling of security that the affairs of the company will be carefully safeguarded by his administration.

Mr. Graham has been a director and stockholder of the company since its organization, and he and father have been among the largest investing clients of the institution since it began business. This shows he had faith in his company and he was not afraid to put his money where he asked others to invest, and his faith has been fully justified by the trusts of the workings of the company. Mr. Graham will not move to Burlington, but will keep in touch with the affairs by riding over in his machine and looking into the business and giving counsel and advice as the business demands.

The business of the company will be wholly under the control of an executive committee composed of W. J. Graham, John M. Cook and C. Brown Cox. This committee will meet twice a week, or oftener if necessary, to consult and advise with each other. In this manner it is operated by a committee rather than by an executive head. This should give added security to the affairs of the company, as it is realized that no one person can involve the company in any way. The office will remain intact, which is good for the company, as the corps of clerks has been drilled into the working of the company and knows the details from every angle.

In last December the company had a private audit of all its business including the subsidiary companies controlled by the company. This audit of the company showed the book value of its outstanding stock to be \$365 per share. For four or five years the company had not paid a dividend on its capital stock, but had used all of its earnings in the promotion of its various enterprises. Therefore at this time the company deemed it advisable to declare a stock dividend and did declare a stock dividend of 250 per cent., and set aside the remainder of the accumulated earnings as surplus. At the same time the company decided to increase its capital stock, of which \$50,000 was common stock and \$40,000 of preferred stock.

Following the death of Mr. Murray it was deemed advisable to have an audit of the business of the company made by an official auditor and accountant, and Mr. J. D. Hightower, official auditor and accountant was employed for this purpose. In connection with this audit the company submitted a list of all its real estate holdings to a committee composed of two of the leading business men of Burlington, who were neither directly nor indirectly connected with the company in any way, and who were wholly disinterested parties. It is interesting that this second audit made in this way wholly verified and substantiated the private audit previously made.

The company, therefore, is upon a firmer footing than ever before, and though it will sadly miss the strong personality of Mr. Murray as the guiding spirit of its business, it faces the future with brilliant prospects.

55,000 MILE TRIP OF GERMAN CRUISER ENDS AT NEWPORT NEWS

The Prinz Eitel Friedrich Almost Belts the Globe and Sinks Eight Merchantmen During Her Voyage—Sank American Ship in South Atlantic—Captain Tells of How His Ship and Cargo of Wheat Were Dynamited, After Crew Had Been Taken Off; Among the Eight Crews on Cruiser, Taken from Destroyed Vessels, Are People From Every Quarter of the Globe; The Eitel Friedrich Must Stay in Virginia Port Until the War Ends, As Shortage of Supplies and Crippled Engines Do Not Permit of Early Departure; Left Tsing Tau, China, but Found No Work in Pacific, Hence Coming to Atlantic Where Business Is Good; Slipped Past Four British Warships When Nearing Final Destination at Night.

DRUG CLERK ARRESTED.

Norman Dixon Held for Trial on Embezzlement Charge.

Asheville, Mar. 10.—Norman Dixon, a well known young business man of this city, who has been employed as a clerk at the wholesale drug house of T. C. Smith Company yesterday was arraigned in the police court on a charge of embezzlement and was held for trial at the next term of the superior court for the trial of criminal cases. He did not take the stand in his own behalf and but two witnesses were examined by the prosecution. One of them was a porter employed at the drug house who swore that he frequently made deliveries of cigars and chewing gum to a local restaurant for which no sales slip was made, the amount to be collected being written on the package. He swore that he gave the money to the defendant when returning from making these deliveries. The porter swore that several times, Mr. Dixon sent him out of the store with jugs marked linseed oil and that on one occasion he dropped the jug and learned that it contained alcohol.

The arrest of the young man has created much interest here, the defendant being well known in the business circles of this city.

(There are people in this town no doubt who are acting in the same way. So many are tempted and fall, we wish every man or woman was strong enough to spurn such temptation. We also wish every firm who employs people had some way of learning just what kind of employees they have. Many firms go to the wall through the dishonesty of their employees, and are never able to understand what caused their downfall. It is an awful thing to have a trusted person in your employ that is disloyal to you, and yet many of you have them and may not know it until it is too late to help you, we believe it is the duty of every good citizen to let people know any time they see wrong with their employees. Often outsiders can see it when the owners cannot. A private tip may often save both trouble and embarrassment.—Ed.)

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