

# 1198 People Perished When the Ocean Liner Lusitania Was Sunk.

## THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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

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### SEE ONLY EVIL IN DEMOCRATIC RULE.

#### Manufacturer From New York Bitterly Denounces the Wilson Administration.

With powerful phrases, Lincoln Cromwell, of William Iselin & Co., New York, taking up each act seriatim yesterday bitterly denounced the Wilson administration at the session of the annual convention of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Calhoun Streets.

He defined the income tax as "a fiasco in government benevolence which increased the burden of the poor." The Federal Reserve Act, he said, "was soggy with Bryanism," and he declared that the "Administration scorned the counsel of business men in framing its tariff law, warning them away from Washington as if one and all they were robber barons; also the Administration defied the warning of commercial bodies in trying to force through the ship purchase bill."

For the Federal Trade Commission, however, Mr. Cromwell had a kind word, saying that it was promising and that it might be made of great benefit to American business men.

"These are some of the performances of officials who would redeem America from business men," he said. "With what promises they came into office! The robbery of a protective tariff was to be exchanged for a condition where everything sold cheaper, but wages were higher. Our factories were to run overtime on exports. Our farmers and merchants were to get money for the asking which was formerly kept back for friends of the Money Trust. An income tax was to trim the rich and lessen the burden of the poor. We were going to hearten 15,000,000 peons in Mexico by getting them ballots and making them owners of happy farms and prove ourselves such a model of peace on earth and mercy mild that war the world around would cease to be.

"I would waste your time by detailing the failure of every item in this program. No retail prices were reduced by the Underwood tariff. It decreased our exports and increased the imports from the day it passed until the war broke out in Europe. Our factories have been on part time and our workmen on bread lines. No man borrows easier or in any other place than before the Federal Reserve Banks were opened. The income tax has been shifted on to the poor through higher rent and mortgage rates. There never was such a fiasco in government benevolence.

"It passed the Seaman's Bill, which undoes our conventions, with twenty foreign countries and creates new obstacles for ship owners. Add to this, while our revenues were rapidly shrinking, it appropriated the record sum of \$2,231,000,000 in two years, and asked Congress for \$34,000,000 more than it got.

"It is a sad thing that high ideals sincerely held and expressed with exquisite grace do not always square their theory with

### City Graded School Commencement.

The baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. J. Clyde Turner of Greensboro at the Front Street M. E. church Sunday night marked the beginning of the commencement exercises of the City Graded Schools.

The church auditorium was completely filled by 7:45, and by the time the exercises began the entire seating capacity of the church, including the Sunday school auditorium and balconies, was well taken.

The choir rendered special music and Miss Benbow and Mrs. C. V. Sharpe sang a duet. Rev. Mr. Turner proved himself a most pleasing and inspiring speaker. His text was "Ye are God's Building."

Last night in the auditorium of the Graded School building the commencement debate and declamation contest were engaged in by pupils of the school.

Thursday night will be class night exercises. The senior class will give their exercises beginning at eight o'clock.

Friday night will be the graduating exercises and literary address. This will be the closing event of the commencement.

### SCHOOL HOUSE DEMOLISHED.

Newberry, S. C., May 8.—Another storm swept over Newberry and the surrounding community Friday morning. For about an hour there was heavy rain and wind. It was the hardest rain that has fallen here in some time. The wind was so severe that in its paths it blew down several buildings. Garmany school house, about three miles out in the country, was demolished. The roof first blew off and then the walls crushed in. In the building at the time were two teachers and 35 pupils. The occupants all escaped injury, with the exception of a few scratches and bruises.

Bryan, we take it, will go down in history as the man who made grape juice famous. Or will grape juice go down in history as the beverage that made Bryan famous.

facts. Mr. Wilson's theory of the tariff and the high cost of living was wrong. Foreign goods under the new tariff can change very few retail prices under our selling conditions. Imports will be landed just enough under American prices to get the dealer's orders and no lower. The consumer gets no benefit, but our factories close and the workmen lose their wages."

I. F. Stone discussing the manufacture of aniline dye colors and the shortage on account of the war, said that the dyes can be manufactured here if the Government will protect the manufacturer with a tariff after the war is over and give them a chance to develop something that will compete successfully with the Germans in cheapness.

### FLAG RAISING BY THE JUNIOR ORDER.

Local Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Presents City School With "Old Glory"—Hon. Paul Jones, State Councilor, Principal Speaker.

Last Saturday afternoon was a great and inspiring time for the members of the local council of the Junior Order at this place and the school children of Burlington. The occasion was the presentation of and hoisting upon a pole the American flag to the Burlington Graded Schools.

The members of the Junior order participating in the event numbered about fifty, and marched in a body from their council hall to the school building. The addresses of presentation and acceptance of the flag were delivered to the assembled audience of the Juniors, school children and many visitors, in the school auditorium at four o'clock and the hoisting of the flag upon the pole took place on the school grounds in front of the school building.

Hon. J. H. Vernon, our honored and distinguished representative to the Legislature, was master of ceremonies and presided over the occasion in a most splendid and dignified manner.

Hon. Paul Jones of Tarboro, the State Councilor of the Junior Order in North Carolina, was introduced as the speaker of the afternoon, and delivered the presentation speech. In his opening remarks, Mr. Jones expressed peculiar delight in being present on such an inspiring occasion. He spoke at length on the principles of the Junior Order and why the order presents flags and Bibles to schools throughout the State. He said that about 200 flags had been presented by the order to graded schools in the State during the past twelve months. One of the features of his speech was the strong plea for the Junior Order to cooperate in the great work of educating the children of North Carolina and lend their aid in establishing night schools and wiping out the illiteracy among the thousands of men in the State who cannot read and write. The speaker quoted statistics showing that North Carolina, compared with other states, stood third from the bottom in educational development; that there were 250,000 white men and women in the state who cannot read nor write; that 49,000 voters of the state could not read the ballot which they placed in the ballot box on election day. This, he said, is an alarming condition, and should receive the attention of the citizenship of the state in general. He gave assurance that some progress is being made in eliminating the illiteracy of the state, that 38 counties have established moonlight schools as a result of the work of the Junior Order along this line.

Mr. Jones made reference to the Burlington Graded School building, stating that in all his travels over the state, he had not seen a school building as poor and inadequately equipped as our school building. He further stated that the Junior Order had been very influential in many places in causing bonds to be voted for the erection of new

school buildings.

The speeches of acceptance were made by Prof. King in behalf of the school and Hon. E. S. W. Dameron on behalf of the school board.

Professor King gave a brief history of the flag, telling of its origin and the significance of its colors, stars and stripes.

Mr. Dameron, in a brief, but very pleasing speech, spoke of the flag as not being a symbol of war and spilling of human blood, but a symbol of patriotism, virtue and liberty.

The two speeches of acceptance were considered by many as the best that have ever been heard on such occasions.

The hoisting and unfurling of the flag took place immediately after the addresses. The school children sang "The Star Spangled Banner" while the flag was being drawn to the summit of the pole. A gentle breeze caused the flag to wave beautifully, presenting a most inspiring and soul-stirring aspect to the happy throng of men, women and children that had gathered around the pole to witness the procedure.

The presentation of the American flag to the City Graded Schools by the Junior Order is a manifestation of the keen interest which the members of the order have in the education of the boys and girls of Burlington, and exemplifies one of the great principles for which the order stands, that of our public school system.

### YOUNG GIRL TRIES TO KILL HERSELF.

Miss Willie Hill, An 18-Year-Old Daughter of W. M. Hill, Shoots Herself With Revolver.

An unsuccessful effort at suicide was made yesterday morning by Miss Willie Hill, 18 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hill, who live at 600 North Graham street, when she sent a 32 caliber bullet through her shoulder. She was later removed to the Charlotte Sanatorium, where physicians pronounced the wound not serious.

The attempt at self-destruction occurred at 7 o'clock, while the mother of the young woman was engaged in conversation with a neighbor in the yard. Mrs. Hill heard the report of a revolver but did not comprehend that the shot emanated from her own home until the sound of a fall came from within. An investigation revealed the young woman unconscious upon the floor of her room, bleeding from a wound in the shoulder. The Alarm was instantly given and Dr. Charles E. Walker responded to the call. The victim of the strange incident soon recovered consciousness, and Doctor Walker had her transported to the hospital. The ball had ploughed its way through the fleshy portion of the left shoulder, and although painful, inflicted but a minor wound.

Miss Hill refused to assign any reason for her attempt at suicide, while her family were at a loss to account for the happening of yesterday. Her father, W. M. Hill, has been in the employ of the Standard Ice & Fuel Co., for a number of years and is well known in the city.—Charlotte Observer.

### CYCLONE HITS BURLINGTON.

Portions of Burlington Coffin Co. And Sellars' Hosiery Mill Demolished—Loss Estimated At \$7,000.

About five o'clock last Friday afternoon a cyclone passed thru this section. The barn belonging to Mrs. King, on Tucker street, was first struck, and her cow was killed. The new addition of the Sellars Hosiery Mill, a two-story brick structure, 40x80, just finished and equipped with machinery, was the next scene of the disaster. The roof was hurled to the ground in several pieces, the entire brick wall of the second story was blown down and the west end raised to the ground. The estimated loss is \$2,000 with no insurance.

The greatest damage of the cyclone was done to the Burlington Coffin Company's building. The storing and shipping building, which is three stories high, was struck, the entire roof being shattered to the ground in a mangled mass. The wall of the third story was demolished. Several metal vaults were blown some distance out into the yard and the wreckage and debris blown broadcast and piled up all around. Rain descended in torrents and flooded the entire building, damaging goods extensively. The total loss to the building and the goods is \$5,000 partially covered by insurance.

Fortunately no one was in either of the buildings when the disaster came and nobody was injured. Mr. J. L. Scott, secretary and treasurer of the Coffin Co., informs us that the partial destruction of the building will not interfere with the operation of the plant.

We understand that both buildings will be rebuilt at once and the Coffin Company will add another new building. The disaster created much excitement, and the scenes of both buildings were visited by hundreds of people.

### WILL BE GUEST OF MR. HOLT.

Hon. T. W. Bickett, District Attorney of Raleigh who will deliver the literary address of the City Graded School Commencement on next Friday night, will be the guest of Mr. Erwin A. Holt while in our city. Mr. Bickett married a cousin of Mrs. Holt's.

Burlington should feel highly honored in having such a prominent and distinguished visitor in our midst. Mr. Bickett is being mentioned as a candidate for governor of North Carolina in the next election.

"Mothers' Day" will be observed at the Reformed church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. All members and friends of the church and especially all mothers are invited to be present. The pastor, Rev. D. C. Cox, will preach a special sermon, and the service promises to be quite interesting and helpful to all who may attend.

### The Sinking of The Lusitania.

America is suddenly brought into the maelstrom of this gigantic war by the torpedoing and sinking of the Lusitania with more than thirteen hundred passengers on board, many of them being Americans. How many were lost and how few were saved are not known at this writing. A villainous blow from an unseen craft on the finest and largest ship in service has caused this awful disaster. It proves that American citizens have lost their lives by this form of assassination, what will our government do about it?

Must all Americans be marooned at home during the pending of this war, or if they go abroad as passengers on a merchant vessel are they liable to be sent to the bottom by a German torpedo without notice or adequate notice given to the vessel and a fair chance afforded those on board to escape? This is what has been done in the case of the Lusitania.

Is this savage practice of sinking peaceful vessels and drowning those on board, including citizens of neutral nations, to go unchecked and unrebuked? We have a right to expect some quick and decided action on this foul deed of enormous barbarity, the torpedoing of the Lusitania.

### ALBRIGHT-GIBSON.

Mebane, N. C., May 4.—A beautiful wedding was solemnized Thursday afternoon in the presence of nearly a hundred friends and relatives, when Miss Della Gibson, the popular and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gibson, became the bride of Mr. Frank Albright at the home of the bride. The handsome parlor was decorated with ferns and roses of assorted colors. At the beginning of the wedding march, which was played by Miss Mattie Gibson, the attendants came in, the maids carrying eloquent bouquets of lilies of the valley, followed immediately by the groom, with his best man, Mr. A. E. Gibson. Next came the ring bearer, little Miss Lois Corbett, taking her place beside the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Goodman. Then came the most beautiful scene of the occasion, when the bride and maid of honor, Miss Fannie Howard, entered, carrying large bouquets of bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony, delightful courses of refreshments were served in a faultless manner.

The couple accompanied by a host of friends took a pleasant trip in machines to the groom's home where a splendid reception was given in honor of the bride and groom.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, and is one of the state's most attractive women. She will be greatly missed in the social circles of her community.

The groom is a prominent and industrious young man of Durham. After taking their tour through Northern cities, they will reside in Durham.

A long and happy life is the sincerest wish of their many friends.—The Durham Sun.