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So Says British Admiralty Report, But Captain Thinks Might Have Been Struck By a Mine.

FREIGHTER PROCEEDS UNDER HER OWN STEAM.

None of The Crew Were Hurt, But Foreholds of Ship Fill With Water; Was Bound Out From Liverpool, With Name and Country Painted On Side and Flying a Large American Flag; Submarine Campaign of Germany Has No: Been Ceased and Other Neutrals Suffer.

London, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraskan, Captain Greene, from Liverpool, May 24, for Delaware Breakwater, was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine at a point forty miles west southwest of Fastnet, off the south coast of Ireland. No lives were lost.

The crew at once took to the boats, but after finding that the Nebraskan was not seriously damaged, they returned aboard and got the vessel underway. She had been struck forward and her foreholds were full of water. The Nebraskan did not carry any passengers.

The foregoing information was received today by the British Admiralty in London, and it was at once communicated to the American Embassy.

Immediately after she was struck the Nebraskan began calling for help by wireless. Browhead received the wireless communication at 9 A. M. yesterday from Crookhaven.

The torpedoing of the Nebraskan apparently occurred before 9 o'clock last night.

Easy to Identify.
All foreign vessels leaving Liverpool recently have had their names and nationalities painted in large letters on their sides and have flown large flags. Yesterday evening was clear and the period between 8 and 9 o'clock is the twilight hour in the British Islands at this season. A message to the Lloyd's says an armed trawler went to the assistance of the Nebraskan and stood by her all night.

A message to the Star, from Liverpool says that the name and nationality of the Nebraskan were painted in large letters on her sides.

Norwegians Are Aroused.
The German submarine campaign continues actively. Dispatches from Norway say the people of that country have been aroused by the sinking last week of the Norwegian steamer Minerva and the attempt to torpedo the Iris, which went to her assistance.

The steamer Cromer, loaded with passengers, had a narrow escape while bound for Rotterdam. A submarine fired a torpedo without warning, but missed by fifteen yards. This attack occurred four miles north of North Hinder lightship.

Captain Was not Certain.
New York, May 26.—The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, owners of the Nebraskan, received a message today from the Nebraskan's captain, relayed by cable, in which he said the vessel had been struck by either a mine or a torpedo, and that he had turned back.

The text of the message, dated yesterday and signed by Captain John S. Greene, was as follows:

"Struck either by mine or torpedo forty-eight miles west of Fastnet and

steaming to Liverpool. Water in lower hold. No one injured."

The Nebraskan was under charter on this trip to the White Star Line. She was built in 1902. She is 360 feet long and was built with eight watertight bulkheads, her fuel being oil.

Irish Saw Submarine.

Crookhaven, Ireland, May 26.—It was learned today that a submarine was seen last night off the southern coast of Ireland. She was sighted shortly after 9 P. M., near Galley Cove, which is about ten miles from Fastnet. No connection has been established between this incident and the mishap to the Nebraskan which is reported to have occurred shortly before 9 o'clock at a point about 40 miles from Fastnet.

A steamer was seen outside Crookhaven, which lies just north of Galley Cove, at about 9 o'clock last night. As she approached in the direction of Fastnet Lighthouse two loud reports of a gun were heard.

Several residents of Crookhaven sighted a submarine off Galley Cove. One of them fired two shots with a rifle at the men in the conning tower of the submarine, which dived immediately but soon rose again further out. Three more shots were fired at her and she again disappeared.

TO HAVE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Burlington will celebrate the Fourth of July this year in a manner quite different from all previous Fourth of July occasions.

Preparations are already being started for making the event a big and enjoyable one.

One unique feature of the attractions will be the present of the Chautauqua Tent with its many interesting and valuable features.

Announcements of the approaching event will be made from time to time, keeping our readers and friends informed as to the progress of the plans for the occasion.

TO THE CHILDREN OF BURLINGTON. TON.

The two moving picture shows in Burlington offers to give to each child bringing ten tin cans to E. L. Morgan's warehouse, a ticket to one of the picture shows. The City of Burlington will have a man at Morgan's warehouse between the hours of two and five P. M., commencing next Monday, May 31, to receive the cans and to present tickets. This movement will be on 10 days.

J. E. MOORE, Mayor.
May 26, 1915.

So; it is unconstitutional to swear before a lady in North Carolina.

WHITSETT CLOSSES GREATEST YEAR.

More Building to be Done and Faculty Enlarged For Next Session.

Whitsett, May 26.—The commencement exercises of the twenty-seventh year of Whitsett Institute closed Monday night after three days of delightful exercises. Monday brought two thousand people to hear the great address of Attorney General T. W. Bickett, and to witness the graduation exercises of the class of twenty-one in the Literary Department. The medals were awarded as follows: from the Athenian Society to E. L. Wharton of Pamlico county; from the Dialectic Society to J. Murphy Clapp of Guilford county, and from the Star Circle to Johnnie Smith of Guilford county. The Senior Orator's medal was won by Herman M. Clapp of Guilford county in a splendid speech on Man-Making Forces. The year just closing has been a most successful one with over two hundred and twenty-five students from a large area of territory. Additional building will be done during the summer vacation to meet the increasing needs of the school, which will open its twenty-eighth year August 25th.

One of the finest features of the entire commencement exercises was the alumni re-union of the more than two hundred former students who were here for the exercises, these came from every section of the State, and numbers from beyond the borders of the State.

For the coming year the faculty will be strengthened and the equipment will be much improved.

MILLER-BELL MEETING.

Three more days and the Miller-Bell meetings held in the Christian church will come to a close.

Considering the adverse weather, conditions on some evenings and the counter attractions on others the attendance has been very good.

The morning services have been fairly well attended. Rev. Miller has been unfolding the word of God in a wonderful way, leading those who have heard him into the deeper and higher truths of the Bible.

It is quite evident, however, that the people of Burlington do not realize how great a teacher of God's word there is in our midst or the Christian church building would not have begun to hold the crowds.

Rev. Miller is in great demand at the leading Bible Conference in this country. Some churches get him to come and stay for a month to preach every night on one subject. Do not fail to hear him in his closing messages.

The singing under the direction of Mr. Bell has been excellent. The sweet, spiritual rendering of his solos, have been an inspiration to all.

Friday evening a Thank-Offering will be taken for these earnest gifted servants of God who have labored so assiduously in our midst. Any one who feels that they have been spiritually blessed by them and who would like to make a thank-offering, as an expression of their gratitude, please bring or send such offering to the church Friday night.

NO COURT NEXT WEEK.

We are requested to state that there will be no court next week, and the jurors and witnesses summoned for the second week of the court need not appear.

ADVOCATE PASSAGE OF SCHOOL BOND ISSUE.

Rev. Martin W. Buck, says: "I know of no other town anywhere the size of Burlington that has such poor school buildings for its children. I am for school bonds."

Mr. S. A. Horne of the Foster Shoe Company in discussing the school bond proposition states: "The children during the cold season cannot be made comfortable in the present building. Some have to be too cold while others are uncomfortably warm. I shall vote for the school bonds."

Rev. D. H. Tuttle says: "I have lived in a dozen different towns in North Carolina and find the children in Burlington just as bright and capable as in other towns. They should have as splendid opportunities for school as other children. The present building does not furnish these. I am, therefore, for the school bonds."

Others have been interviewed but space will not allow their expression here. These columns will be open for expressions from the people in the next issue.

The Board of Education of Burlington, North Carolina has placed the forty-thousand-dollar bond issue before the people and is advocating its passage, because the need of a new building is imperative.

The present building is inadequate for the increased enrollment of children. The enrollment this year has passed the eleven hundred mark. The average attendance has been around 800. We have ample seating capacity for about 700. Because of these crowded conditions the school children of Burlington are being deprived of those larger educational advantages to which they are entitled, and which would come with a comfortable and commodious building.

It is solely in the interest of all the children of all the people that we put forth this effort. We have examined the conditions and know that the needs are great. We advocate a new building; because, in our opinion, a better and more commodious building is absolutely necessary.

The success of the proposition is with the people of Burlington. We are willing to let the people rule. If the people wish their children to have opportunities equal to those enjoyed by the children of Graham, Haw River, and other neighboring towns; if they wish a building that will furnish comfort and convenience to their children and that will be a pride to our growing town, let them prove their faith by their works at the ballot box on the 8th of June, 1915.

B. R. SELLARS,
J. M. BROWNING,
J. P. MONTGOMERY,
EUGENE HOLT,
J. G. ROGERS,
DR. J. P. SPOON,
MRS. W. H. CARROLL,
Board of Education.

The News has asked several citizens for expressions in regard to the school bonds and has elicited the following replies:

Dr. W. E. Walker was seen and he says: "I am going to vote for the school bonds because I realize the children's need of a more sanitary, a better ventilated and a more evenly heated building. The physical comfort of the child means a great deal in its development. This present building does not furnish."

"I have no children to send to the school," said Mr. D. M. Moore, our popular groceryman, "but I am going

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COMMENCEMENT AT FRIENDSHIP.

The closing exercises of Friendship High School took place Friday, May 21, at Friendship.

The school was taught this year by Prof. Meade Hart of Mooresville, N. C., Miss Christman of Burlington and Miss Verna Garrett of Friendship.

On Thursday night the Primary and intermediate rooms under the supervision of Misses Christman and Garrett, gave an entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, drills and a play.

Friday, at ten o'clock the commencement address was delivered by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, editor of the Christian Sun, and professor of philosophy at Elon College. Dr. Atkinson took for his subject, "The Value of Time," and made one of the best addresses ever heard at Friendship.

Prof. J. R. Robertson, county superintendent, next presented the "Honor Certificates" and "Graduation Diplomas."

After luncheon the graduation exercises were held. The prize for the best essay was won by Miss Litsey Isley. The Declamation Medal was won by Mr. S. Linn Homewood, Miss Esther Coble then read the valedictorian essay.

In a special declamation contest open to any member of the High School, Mr. Seymour Stafford won the medal.

Immediately after this Mr. E. V. Patterson, Principal of the New Bethel School, Lancaster, S. C., formally presented three silver loving-cups to the school. These cups were won at Greensboro and Chapel Hill, and represent the State High School track championship.

Friday night the High School gave the play, "The Girl." The play was well played and was a complete success. Messrs. Heart, Alexander Woods, and Stanford, entertained the audience with several musical selections between acts.

The High School has closed a very successful year. This year graduating class of ten being the largest in the largest in the history of the institution.

MAJOR MOORE NOMINATED.

Mr. J. Ed. Moore, who has been mayor of the city of Burlington for the past two years, was nominated for re-election in the municipal convention held last Monday night. There were other candidates for the nomination, Messrs. A. F. Barrett, L. B. McAdams and V. H. Snyder. Mayor Moore was declared the nominee upon first ballot which was as follows: Moore, 180; Barrett 85; McAdams 18; Snyder 14.

The convention set the time and place for the different ward meetings to nominate aldermen, which were as follows: First Ward at Mayor's Hall, Friday night, at eight o'clock; Second Ward at Union Church, Friday night, at eight o'clock; Third Ward, Thursday night at Graded School and the Fourth Ward, Tuesday night at Blackman's Store.

The Fourth Ward convention was held on Tuesday night and nominated Dr. H. F. Moore and J. W. Montgomery to succeed themselves.

As the Dispatch goes to press on Thursday night with the Friday's issue, we are unable to give the result of the Third Ward convention at the Graded School last night.

As we may, possibly, have taken some previous occasion to remark, this is the Climate!

CHAUTAQUA COMING.

The Chautauqua will be here the week of June 30, 1915 and the following have been elected to serve in the different capacities below:

J. L. Scott, Chairman of the Chautauqua Association in Burlington and also chairman of the Ticket Selling Committee.

W. E. Sharpe, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. W. Cates, John M. Cook and Rev. A. B. Kendall as the hospitality Committee.

Mrs. L. S. Holt, Chairman of the Junior Chautauqua.

Mr. O. F. Crowson, Chairman of Publicity and Advertising.

The Committee on grounds to remain as last year.

Mr. D. R. Foyville, Chairman of parade on the opening day.

Mrs. A. D. Pate, Chairman of Decorating Committee for the town.

The program for this year will be one of the best sent through the South and everything points to a grand success for this year's meeting.

REVIVAL MEETING AT M. P. CHURCH.

A special series of evangelistic services will begin at the Methodist Protestant church next Sunday, May 30th. The pastor, Rev. G. L. Curry, will be assisted by Rev. A. G. Dixon, pastor of the North Main Street Methodist Protestant church, High Point. Rev. Mr. Dixon is one of the ablest ministers of the M. P. church in this state and is noted as a successful evangelist. He will arrive on Monday and do the preaching during the meeting. Rev. J. H. Stowe of Asheboro will fill the pulpit at both services Sunday. Rev. Mr. Stowe is the father of Mrs. G. L. Curry.

The public is most cordially invited to attend these services which will be held each night at eight o'clock. The day services will probably be held at half past nine in the morning. Members of other churches are invited to attend and assist in every way possible for the success of the meeting. The singers of other churches are especially invited to attend and help out in the song services. The meeting will last ten days or two weeks.

SOME SPECIAL FEATURES AT THE GROTTO.

Tomorrow (Saturday) "The Cycle of Hatred", (Thanhauser) featuring; Florence LaBadie.

Monday, "The Station of Content," Reliance, a great railroad story.

Tuesday, "The Rough Rock," featuring Wm. S. Hart.

Wednesday, "The Exploits of Elaine", A pathe Masterpiece, this is a serial picture but unlike other serials it is complete in each episode, if you miss one you can see another and get the drift of the story about as well. There is fifteen episodes to this picture. Have you seen that Auto, the Manuel is going to give to some little boy or girl? It's a dandy.

A GREAT MYSTERY.

"One of the most baffling of the many mysteries that enshroud us," grimly remarked the Old Codger, "is why people persist year after year in going away on vacations when they could be just as uncomfortable at home."

Keystone Finishing Mills are finishing heavy orders for export, having shipped out the past week, 12,000 pairs of hosiery to Buinocs Ariens, South America. This cotton grew in Alamance county, spun, knit and finished in Burlington.

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